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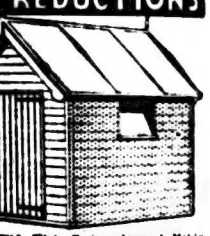

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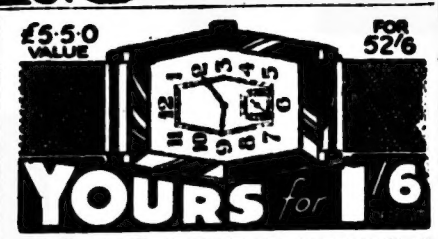

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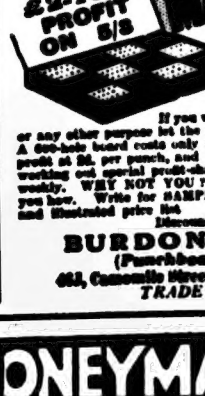

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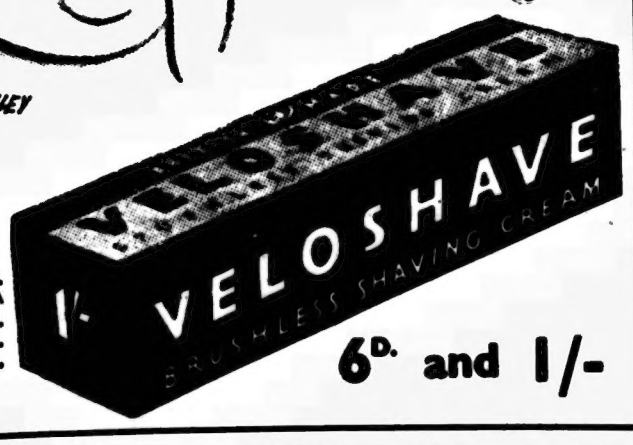

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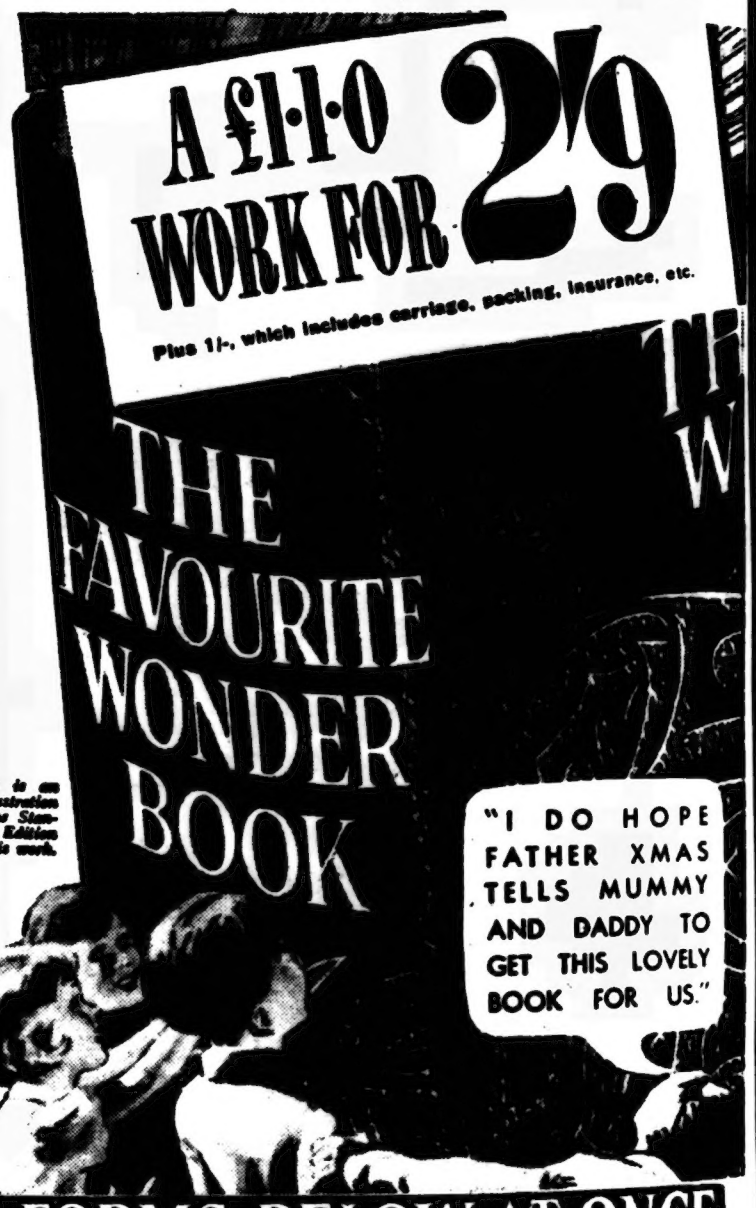
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Milk Marketing Board, here is something for your attention. Are you aware that recently, at Horden, in Durham, in a certain bankruptcy case, a contractor stated that he had been instructed by one of your own representatives to "tip milk down the sink"?

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PUBLIC MUST BE TOLD

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BIG FAMILIES BARRED

Before the Minister of Health goes any farther with his lachrymose appeals for a bigger population, he ought to look into the question of various councils' attitude towards family men who want to rent their houses.

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HAMMOND AN AMATEUR

When Wally Hammond next plays at Lord's he will walk out of the Pavilion to join the lesser men of cricket as they stroll from their little pen on the distant side of the ground.

Because, you see, Hammond is now an amateur, and it makes all the difference.

UNPAID SPIES

Hitler looks on every German visiting a foreign country as a potential informer.

Latest instructions are that all Germans returning home must report in writing (1) on their impressions, (2) whether they have been annoyed, (3) what they have seen and heard.

Instructions which we think need no comment.

HOSPITAL DISCONTENT

Every week that goes by brings news of serious trouble among hospital staffs.

You have read about the resignation of twenty-nine members of the medical staff of Mexborough Montague Hospital, in Yorkshire, as a protest against the dismissal of a woman house surgeon. Those doctors will cease to attend at the hospital on November 22.

This is only one instance of a spirit of discontent which pervades hundreds of our hospitals, the staffs of which are often greatly overworked and poorly paid.

A case for a first-class enquiry, even a Royal Commission.

STILL FLOURISHING

Drastic action has not yet curbed share-pushing. Recently, a very highly placed Government official was relieved of his post when it was found he was involved to the amount of several thousands through such gentry.

Spectacular arrests have been made, and impudent bucket-shop merchants are trading on the fact. They get new victims daily by pointing out that, with the clean-up, only the honest remain. All the same, wise folk will consign all such circulars to the W.P.B.

NEED NOT APPLY

Liverpool Post Office is advertising for ex-Servicemen, as part time telephonists. Age limit forty.

War broke out in 1914. Old Contemptibles, and the first hundred thousand, presumably need not apply.

STABLE BOYS' WAGES

Racing stables all over country will be affected by movement of stable boys to join Transport and General Workers' Union. In anticipation of concerted action, some trainers have voluntarily raised wages to 45s. a week. In some cases boys only got 30s.

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Out in all weathers, and must provide own riding kit. Case of one man with seven children who earns 43s. a week when working and 46s. when on unemployment pay.

And often temperament of valuable racehorse depends on being accustomed to same stable boy.

DEGRADING EXHIBITION

"Most disgusting and degrading." Such was the scathing description of the Wimbledon magistrates of an all-in wrestling exhibition. They fined the promoters £179 12s., plus 20 guineas costs.

We have already exposed the scandalous state of affairs that exists in the world of all-in wrestling. The above case justifies our demand for the restoration of a board of control, in the the same amount.

ODIOUS COMPARISONS

Mr. Hore-Belisha unveils a tablet to General Gordon at Fort House, Gravesend. The local council vote £100 for entertainment expenses.

Walls of Gravesend display appeals for local hospitals and for Christmas cheer for the destitute.

In the circumstances £100 was an expensive luncheon even for our irrepressible War Minister.

PIGS COME FIRST

It was gracious of Queen Mary to congratulate 39-year-old Mrs. Pledger, of Manor Park, on her "trouble and self-denial" in keeping her unemployed husband and 11 children on 48s. a week.

Mrs. Pledger says she often walks miles to get a few bacon bones and save a penny.

Experts, however, are planning ideal diets to save pigs from malnutrition.

HARSH TASK-MASTER

Almost barbarous is the way we run our Poor Law Institutions. Two casuals were admitted to the Whitehaven Workhouse. When they complained that tea offered to them was undrinkable, they were told to "take it or leave it."

They were expected to sleep in the House two nights, and do a full day's work in return for their inhospitable shelter. Having walked out of the Institution the following day, they are paying for their fault with fourteen days' hard labour. Destitution is a harsh task-master.

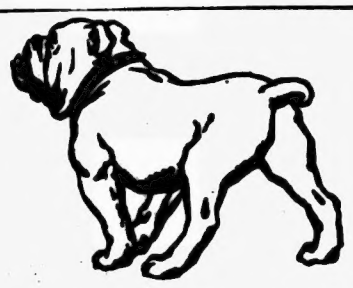
RENTS WITHIN MEANS

New departure on Camberwell Housing Estate. Opening of huge blocks of flats of all sizes for poor people with rents in some cases as low as 3s. 6d. a week.

We have often pleaded the cause of the lonely old-age pensioner forced to live in undesirable, uncomfortable lodgings. He can now have a one-roomer.

Likewise, the man with a large family is not obliged to fit himself, wife, children and belongings into standardised council house. He can obtain a bigger flat.

Your Watchdog BARKS!



More rumours about ill-treatment of prisoners, this time at Pentonville. Sir Samuel Hoare repudiated hush-hush measures. Perhaps he will let us have full enquiry.

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Share-out clubs numbering 2,000, with savings of £3,500,000, now strictly organised. Thousands still uncontrolled. Christmas comes again and promised Act still not passed.

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Hospital at Mansfield, thousands of pounds to spare, hundreds poor miners on waiting list, cannot extend premises because county authorities refuse to sell adjoining land. They must be made to sell.

Estimated that 70 lb. of beef consumed per head of population every year. If millions were not forced to go hungry figure might be doubled.

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More and more cases of drugs being taken from doctors' unattended cars. It is becoming scandal, and British Medical Council must act at once.

"Here I find sound common-sense, humour, pathos...", WRITES READER GRIFFITHS.*

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We print this (1) to pass ... the thanks and (2) beca... this letter expresses admira... what reader is expecting fr... reader.

Voice of the People . .

FOR the third time in my life I have had bad news brought by a police officer in uniform. They are tact and kindness itself; but, oh! the shock is dreadful.

Surely a plain-clothes policeman could be sent instead?—Mrs. C. HARRIS, 25, Drummond Road, S.E.16.

Scotland Yard comments that speed being most important factor, and uniform officers being more often available, they are usually sent.

Smiling Christianity

Out motoring, I peeped round the threshold of Beccles' most beautiful church, afraid to enter because I had no hat.

I found myself looking into the smiling face of an aged priest. "Enter, my child," he said. "Your Father in Heaven did not create you with a hat. Enter and give thanks to God for your Health and Youth."

I did—and that church somehow had a fuller meaning.—Mrs. H. S. ABBETT, 26, Rushby Mead, Letchworth, Herts.

Clergy with dress obsessions, please note last line.

Forbidden Chair

My firm, compelled by law to provide me with a chair, makes it plain that I am sacked if ever I sit in it during my nearly ten hours of daily duty.—Miss D M. (aged seventeen), Kingthorpe Terrace, Stonebridge Park, London, N.W.10.

If it is any consolation, you are entitled to sit in that chair "whenever the use thereof does not interfere with your work."

Did You See This?

Charles Coborn may be a dear old gentleman. But when he appeared in the Gaumont Newsreel and sang "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," apparently as an extra inducement to people to vote for the party he represents, it seemed to me to be an undervaluation of the public's intelligence.—F. MAUGHAN, 41, Eighth Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle.

Perhaps Charlie (himself beaten at the polls) is now singing his other famous song: "Two Lovely Black Eyes."

Sacked

Finding a job on my own initiative, I was told by my new boss to nip along to the Exchange and get my cards.

They kept me waiting an hour. So my new boss sacked me for lack of initiative. And now, without a grumble, I claim the record of being the "Man Who Lost His Job Through an Employment Exchange."—Mr. A. PETRIE, 52, Arnholm Place, Mosspark, Glasgow.

No. You lost your job through lack of human understanding on the part of an employer.

He's Been Shot

As I was walking near Leicester a man jumped off his bicycle and shouted, "Stand there. I'm going to shoot you."

Dumbfounded, I obeyed. Then, to my relief, he snapped out a camera, shot me with that, and then asked my address.

When a photograph arrived, I saw the reason. His name was A. Partridge. He wanted me to be the only man who could say with truth that he had been shot by *a partridge* in the gaming season.—W. WALLIS, 21, Victoria Street, Norwich.

Photo shows our reader waiting for the bullet that was never fired.

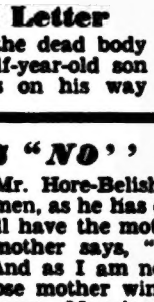
Drama Behind Drama

Do the people who strike doctors so readily off the medical register for one moral lapse ever think of patients whose cases those doctors understand as no others could?

My sister, who had a gall bladder removed, followed by complications, was told that if ever a certain dangerous symptom recurred she had *got* to go to Dr. ——, wherever she might be. And Dr. ——, for one human fault, is no longer allowed to practise.—Miss N. S., Sheffield.

Behind every drama of a doctor struck off are scores of tragedies like that.

Bobbing Baby



I went with a young lady to a Bexley Heath hairdresser the other day. She had to have her hair cut, because otherwise she would have lost all her lovely waves and curls.

Hanging, as it did, far below the back of the neck, it was growing too fast for a little girl of five months—my baby daughter.—T. O. HOLDER, 6, Albany Close, Bexley, Kent.

Four leading London hairdressers agree that this is amazing.

Father's Noble Letter

They have just taken the dead body of my little five-and-a-half-year-old son from the canal. He was on his way home from school. He met his death where other children have been drowned, where there is a steep, slippery bank, but no fence.

Sympathy we have had in plenty, but what we want is a little bit of fencing. —G. A. BOOKER, 286, Wednesbury Road, Pleck, Walsall.

If that cry from the heart doesn't get something done, then nothing will.

Postman's Rattle

As the "postman's knock" is never heard in this street nowadays, I spoke to some friends about it. They, too think this cheery rat-tat is fast disappearing.—L. GOUGE, 11, Stanbrook Road, Northfleet, Kent.

"Postman's knock belongs to days when few houses had letter-boxes," says G.P.O. "To-day, it is enough to give the flap a somewhat savage rattle."

Penny-Snatchers

In these parts what are known as punch boards are more and more being put on sweet counters, and children are allowed to gamble their pennies on the chance of winning 3d., 6d. or 1s. worth of chocolate.

Surely it can be stopped?—A. WORTHINGTON, 75, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

Such boards have rolls of paper set in holes. You poke a roll out with a pin, see whether you have a winning number. Makers of these articles promise 500 per cent. profit. Admirable in raising money for charity, but as far as snatching the pennies of children—well, supply your own word.

Tantalising 'Em

Let any reader who has gone hungry picture the faces of unemployed men who, going past the R.A.F. depot here to draw their dole, see "Menu for To-day" displayed on a large board outside. There follows a most succulent list of joints and sweets.—WILLIAM J. CROFT, 53, Richmond Street, Bristol.

Official reply: "The Services have got to be advertised. Advertising consists of showing the advantages."

B.B.C. Enjoyed This

I was actually told by a fitter's mate the other day that 'flu was prevalent "because when the wireless announcer has it people who listen-in are bound to get it."

But I was more surprised when, passing the joke on to another fitter, he said: "What nonsense. They're bound to be medically examined before they broadcast."—H. POTTER, 85, Morant Street, London, E.14.

While believing our reader, we wondered whether those fitters were trying some old joke on him. But B.B.C.—highly elated at it—said they had never heard of it before, although most good-class broadcasting jokes soon reach them.

MOTHER SAYS "NO"

Let Mr. Hore-Belisha get the ear of young men, as he has done mine, and he will still have the mothers to deal with.

My mother says, "Join the Army? No." And as I am not yet twenty-one, I suppose mother wins.—A. W. FULLER, 33, Morgan Mansions, Morgan Road, Holloway.

Doleful voice from Central Recruiting Office: "Yes, mother wins—until he's of age. We don't take youngsters against the wishes of their parents."

War Nerves

Notices have appeared on the walls here calling for volunteers to "shore up damaged buildings in the event of air raids."

When we have all volunteered to do something or other, who is going to look after the sick, the aged, and the children?—J. SULLIVAN, 21, Coleman Road, Aldershot.

War must seem very near to the people of Aldershot.

He-Man

Being a very determined man, a husband with a will of his own, I said a very loud "No!" to the slip of a girl

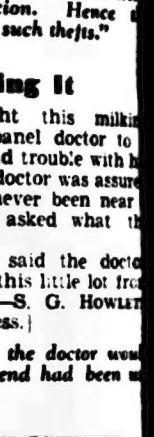
who called a week ago to sell a vacuum cleaner.

My wife says it is the most useful thing we ever bought!—J. MANSON, 163, Broomloan Road, Glasgow, S.W.

Instruction in an American manual on door-to-door salesmanship: "When husband and wife are present, it is often best to leave the sales talk to the wife, especially where she is of a persuasive nature."

Chain Your Bike!

As a clerk in an insurance office, I felt real sorrow for a boy who came in the other day to get a form to insure his new bicycle, told us he would be back with the form completed in a few minutes, and then went out to find his machine stolen.—A. S. DUFF, 3, Brookland Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.



Said London police official: "People who wouldn't think of hanging four-guinea pair of binoculars on a fence will prop a six-guinea bicycle against it for hours at a time, forgetting bicycle is ... easiest thing in the world to steal wi... out creating suspicion. Hence ... alarming increase in such thefts."

Diagnosing It

"Ah, you've caught this milkin... cows," laughed the panel doctor to ... friend of mine who had trouble with h... hand. And when the doctor was assure... that my friend had never been near ... cow for months, he asked what th... patient's trade was.

"A gardener, eh?" said the docto... "Then you've caught this little lot fro... a plant or shrub!"—S. G. HOWLET... [Please forward address.]

We wonder what the doctor would have said if your friend had been ... employed!

Woman Who Knows

Health Ministers, doctors, welfa... workers and heaven knows who beside... are all racking their brains to "Save th... Mothers." One day they will think ... asking a mother.

Then they will make the amazing di... covery that saving mothers is primari... a question of facing the plain fact tha... a working woman cannot save £1 ... month towards confinement costs an... buy the extra nutriment she require... —Mrs. YOUNG, 8, Castle View Terra... Lairs, Plymouth.

While a woman is scraping mon... together to initiate her unborn babe in... the world, her husband pays in wee... National Health contributions nearly ... much as she draws in maternity benef...

Law-Breaking Made Eas...

My friend, who has had the lights ... his motor-cycle combination fail, ha... just been told by a policeman (1) that h... mustn't ride it, (2) that he mustn't pus... it, and (3) that he mustn't park it.

Short of making it melt away in thi... air, what is a man expected to do?—... S. J. T., 104, Page Moss Lane, Liverpo...

R.A.C. says policeman was right ... all three points. The moment lights swe... out offence was committed. But ind... vidual policemen are allowed to u... their discretion where motorist is tryi... to get vehicle to place of safety. Magi... trates usually dismiss such cases ... payment of costs.

Make It Mutual

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WHAT MAKES

By Professor J...

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WHAT MAKES ME WILD

By Professor J. B. S. HALDANE, who doubts if there has ever been a more hypocritical age than ours. Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Anthony Eden, Hitler, and Mussolini all come under his merciless lash.. Anger, he says, is the great motive power. He may make you angry too . . .

Hypocrisy in High Places

"I am disgusted . . ."

AM a scientist, engaged during most of my time in the search for truth. And I doubt if anything angers me more than lying of certain kinds.

Historically, truthfulness has been a quality the ruling classes. During the nineteenth cen-y, when Britain was the leading world Power, Englishman's word was his bond.

So long as a ruling class or nation preserves me traditions of honour one may hate them, at least one can respect them.

I am a democrat in politics, but I have known d liked some reactionaries. They did not con-al their scorn for the working class.

They believed that they should be kept in eir places. They wanted to restrict the fran-hise, abolish the Trade Unions, and kick coloured en into the gutter.

With such men and women one could argue. hey stated their point of view frankly, and their iticisms of their opponents were worth hearing. hey did not believe in the working class because o many working-class leaders had betrayed their ollowers.

They had principles, and even if they were ad principles, they lived up to them. You could lmost always trust their word.

But to-day honest reactionaries are rare. The ascists and National Socialists got into power Italy and Germany by claiming that they were e champions of the little man against apitalism. The little man in Germany who acked Hitler has got what was coming to him.

Now for some reason the fact that Germans ave lost a good deal of their liberty and quality, although it saddens me, does not make e intensely angry. I am angry because this as done by a group of men who promised to reak their people's bonds and make them into others.

But I reserve most of my anger for people earer home than Hitler, and more powerful and portant than the British Fascists, who are try-g to make England into a community like ermany, mediæval without being Christian.

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The Covenant of the League is a curious ocument. It guarantees religious freedom for e peoples of Central Africa, some of whose reli-ions include the practice of human sacrifice. It ntains many other provisions which are not asy to carry out.

If anybody says that Britain ought to with-raw from the League I will admit that there re arguments for doing so, though I am against

I am disgusted when our Government olemnly promises to carry out the Covenant, and hen breaks it within a month of winning an lection on its pledge. For that is what it did.

By Article 16 our rulers, if any other State oes to war in defiance of the Covenant, "under-ake immediately to subject it to the severance of ll trade or financial relations, the prohibition of ll intercourse between their nationals and the ationals of the Covenant-breaking State," and o forth.

Everyone knows that they did not do this hen Italy attacked Abyssinia, and that the British representatives at Geneva voted against doing so.

That is bad enough, but when Mr. Eden even now says that the Government has carried out and will carry out its treaty obligations, he fills me with contempt.

Hitler had at least the decency to withdraw from the League before he violated the Covenant, and to tell the world that he intended to break treaties before he broke them.

I think I can claim to be a patriot. I joined the Army in August, 1914, and turned down the offer of a safe job after being wounded. But I saw enough of the evil of war to sympathise with the extreme pacifists who refuse to use force for any purpose whatever.

Now our Government still claims, I believe, to be patriotic. But it does absolutely nothing when the British Embassy is bombed in Madrid, when British sailors are killed on *H.M.S. Hunter*, and the British Ambassador is shot outside Shanghai.

Nobody asks it to go to war. Yet when I saw the British Embassy bombed in Madrid, I confess I expected that our Government would allow the Spaniards to import anti-aircraft guns to defend it, or else stop Franco importing any more aeroplane bombs. It did neither.

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Until last year I always respected my country's flag. But since then ships flying it have been captured and sunk by pirates of the sea and air—and our Navy has not defended them.

If anyone asked me to-day what the Union Jack is, I could only reply, "That is what Mr. Eden uses for wiping Mussolini's boots."

If George Lansbury were Prime Minister, I should say, "He is a man with a heart of gold and a rather muddled head," and leave it at that.

But when a Government which behaves in this manner asks us to join its army and forces us to pay for its bombing aeroplanes, I should be almost as hypocritical as Mr. Chamberlain if I tried to conceal the disgust he inspires in me.

Many members of the Opposition take what I believe is the absolutely mistaken view that the Government is weak and vacillating. It is nothing of the kind. It is a strong Government, with a consistent policy—namely, the support of Fascism against Democracy.

There have been many ages more barbarous than our own. When people retort with the destruction of Guernica, I can answer that every town in France was burned at least once during the ninth century.

But if there have been more barbarous ages, I doubt if there has ever been a more hypocritical age. Cruelty, I am glad to say, disgusts most people, so it has to be justified by lies. And these are the lies I hate most.

I give some specimens.

"Women really enjoy bearing children" (statement of Mr. Anthony Ludovici, who knows that he will never have to bear a child). . "The Reds destroyed Guernica." (Said by Fascists who think the British will believe anything.)

"We have gone to Shanghai to wipe out Communism." (Said by the Japanese Government, which knows that thousands of Communists were in prison throughout China, and were let out only when Japanese troops landed.)

As a scientist I am certainly sad that our knowledge is not applied, that people go hungry when we have at last made it possible for everyone to be properly fed.

But I realise that science could be fully applied only under a different economic system from our own, and that most people do not yet believe this.

I am sad when I reflect that thousands of people die every month from cancer which could be cured by operation. Here, too, I know that education is needed. And education takes time.

But I am angry, and not merely sad, when I see scientific truth perverted for profit and ambition. Perhaps the most monstrous perversion is going on when Germans are made to believe that they are a superior race, destined to rule lesser breeds. Now there is no such thing as a German race.

The North Germans are mostly tall and fair-haired, the South Germans short and dark-haired. As for Nordics, there is a far larger proportion of them in Britain than in Germany. And there is more Oriental blood in the Germans of East Prussia than in the Jews of Berlin.

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Some people say I am wrong to be angry about these things. I don't agree. Anger is a great motive force. I am right to be angry with hypocrisy in others on one condition, that I am also angry with it in myself. There is only one cure for hypocrisy—to see that one's deeds square with one's words and beliefs.

Perhaps you think I get angry at trivial things. But I may be right. Science progresses, not by making beautiful theories, but by constantly testing theories to see if they work, and rejecting those that don't.

If we can make our theory and practice, our faith and works, agree, we may manage to run society successfully.

And if we fail to act and think scientifically in social matters we shall have no just cause for complaint if science destroys our society.

America's Alcantraz Island in San Francisco Bay—every bit as grim as the picture suggests

ISLANDS OF LIVING DEATH

They are penal settlements to which criminals of all types are sent for years of exile under conditions of indescribable torment. Most of them shame civilisation. At best they are links with a barbarism that no enlightened nation should tolerate . . .

A batch of convicts leave for France's notorious Devil's Island

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S plan for prison reform has long been needed, though no doubt it will provoke a few ill-informed cranks to deplore "feather-duster punishment for crooks."

It is true that even the iron discipline of Dartmoor seems namby-pamby in comparison with conditions on the three Australian islands to which we transported convicts in sterner times.

Some of their sufferers—perhaps they had stolen a loaf or a few pence—used to be fettered to logs of wood which they had to drag about wherever they went. Others endured confinement in cells little bigger than dogs' kennels.

And even worse horrors than those which we abolished a century ago exist to-day on penal islands scattered about the globe. Britain never has been shamed by anything quite like Bad Man's Island or Lampedusa.

Bad Man's Island! It's a good name for the speck on the Atlantic that is Brazil's penal settlement—a seven-mile stretch of mountain and jungle and rock, lying two hundred miles from the mainland, from which no prisoner ever escapes and lives to tell the tale.

A year or two ago a young Liverpool-born convict, convicted of murder, killed two guards and set off in a rotting boat with enough food and water to last two days.

The Brazilian Government issued a laconic announcement that he was "missing," but took no steps to recapture him. Why should it? Invariably the fugitives starve to death before they can reach safety, or have their boats battered to bits in the frequent equatorial storms.

Yet you might wonder, at first, why even the most desperate criminal should want to escape. Bad Man's Island seems to be a free-and-easy place. *At first.*

The fourteen hundred convicts are never locked up. They can wander at will about the island. When a man has served half his sentence with good behaviour, he can send for his wife and children to live in his hut with him.

His youngsters attend school on equal terms with the warders' children. In return for prison work, he is allowed £1 a month to buy the food he cannot grow himself.

There is a cinema. After church on Sunday mornings, the families picnic in the tropical shade. They can lead "happy lives," as the authorities claim.

But any breach of prison discipline is followed by a flogging with raw-hide whips. If a man assaults one of the six hundred warders he is slowly tortured to death.

And some offences are punished in a way that, for sheer fantastic barbarity, eclipse the wildest romancings of the old-fashioned penny dreadful.

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A convict who beats his wife and children, or assaults another prisoner, is simply dumped upon another islet which lies a mile away. The men call it "Rats' Island," for it is overrun with rats so fierce that they attack anyone who invades the solitude of this uninhabited hell-hole.

The offender is left without food, water or weapons. Sometimes, so long as he has the strength to do so, he climbs a tree to defend himself against the rodents.

If his offence was trivial, he is mercifully brought back to the prison isle after a few days; if serious, he is left to starve or be killed by the rats as he sinks exhausted into sleep. No, the most determined opponent of Sir Samuel Hoare's reforms would not, you may be sure, tolerate these South American conditions in Britain. Nor would he hope to see the penal methods of North America imitated here.

At the entrance to the Golden Gate, frowning at the ships sailing into San Francisco, looms the island of Alcantraz. Its name, as pleasant and romantic as the lovely Californian coast it faces, strikes terror into the most hardened gunmen of the great cities.

For Alcantraz is an impregnable fortress, twelve acres of it, as escape-proof as human ingenuity can devise. A gigantic strong-room in which two hundred and fifty Public Enemies, the worst criminals in the United States, are guarded more vigilantly than were the traitors in the Tower of London.

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Even a cannon surmounts this forbidding pile of concrete and steel. There are two high towers where guards armed with machine-guns keep watch, night and day. Wireless masts link the barren rock, which is surrounded by swirling currents, with the San Francisco Police Department and Point Benita coast-guard station.

All cell doors are automatically controlled from the armour-plated office, with its panel of bullet-proof glass.

Just touch a lever in a gallery high above the mess hall, and the place is filled with tear gas.

Within these steel walls is no suggestion of the strange comfort you may have noticed in some films depicting U.S. prison life—card playing, smoking, gossiping, listening to the radio.

Only on Saturday afternoon, from one till three-thirty, is talking allowed. To the man caught whispering at dinner or work severe punishments are meted out; there are no newspapers, no recreations.

But once a month the convict is allowed to see a visitor through a plate-glass window set in a wall three feet thick, and to talk to him through a tube.

"The hopelessness of it gets you," says a prisoner recently released. "You know you'll never get a parole. There's no chance for anybody. Only an awful silence that gets on your nerves."

Maybe that is why, despite the insuperable odds against their success, riots are not uncommon. After one which broke out last year, a hundred men were placed in "the hole" for solitary confinement; another outbreak last August lasted five hours, one man being killed and many injured.

Al Capone is there. So are Machine-Gun Kelly and a dozen other thugs whose notoriety spre even to Britain. They are better at Alcantraz, though they may n realise it, than in the chain gan of Alabama, Florida, Georgia a other Southern states, where t convict never loses the marks of t steel links riveted round his ankl where he toils in fierce heat und the eyes of guards, armed with sho guns, who are as pitiless as bulldo

One youth who tried to escape 1932 was stripped naked and ma to walk round in a heavy barr When he collapsed, he was placed the "sweat-box"—that sentry-t affair in which a man cannot down or lean against the sides. b must stand rigidly for hours in bla ing sunlight.

The youth, chained by the neck the top of the box, his hands a legs fettered, was dead when r leased. At the trial of the pris governor which followed terri stories were told of convicts bei farmed out to contractors. wi warders wielding metal-topp whips to see that employers obtain their money's worth.

Yet there is another form of to ture which breaks a man's mi more diabolically than the lash c break his body—solitary confin ment. It is no stranger to t wretches incarcerated on San Stefano, the rocky island six hou journey from Naples.

An Italian criminal may have spend as much as three years absolute solitude (usually about on sixth of his sentence) in a tiny c that has no artificial lighting. A jail sentences of twenty or thir years are common in Italy; nor there any hope of remission.

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On the other hand, Italian pris discipline is far more lax than our you may see warders and prisoner chatting, swapping jests. But n political prisoners.

For some of Mussolini's critic there are twenty years or more rigorous detention on San Stefano; for others, exile to th islands of Lampedusa or Maddalen or Lipari. Chained in long lines, ex hausted from want, they stagger u the beach to begin a new life suffering and despair.

Signor Giacoma Costa, a Neapol tan barrister who escaped a fe weeks ago from Lampedusa, pain a terrible picture of the condition to which prisoners are subjected.

No rain falls on the island f months on end. Drinking-wate

Man's Inhumanity to man reaches its peak in the Penal Settlements here described

The luckless victims of the chain gang carry the marks of the heavy ankle bands for ever . . .

ght once a week by steamer Italy, is so foul that some of men prefer brackish water from island's well. To wander outside rtain area is to risk death from guards' guns.

Herr Hitler, of course, has no Lampusa or Lipari to which he can d men who refuse to pay lip-vice to the cultured Hitler losophy. All he can do is to make ew "islands" in the Fatherland his political opponents.

achau concentration camp, near nich, is one. Photographs in a journal show that between the p and a near-by road are three e fences, one electrified. Overking them are stone towers nned by steel-helmeted Black ards with machine-guns.

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favourite punishment for those o cannot endure the fourteen-r day of heavy work is to strip m and drive them into nettle s, a practice which appears to be unfailing amusement to the ards.

land in July of this year news ked out of the infamous experiits in the camp's "gas room." A poison-gas, known as Ott 20, was d out on a number of prisoners; ugh they were provided with ks, many of them died.

fter such Nazi diversions, it is surprising to learn that only the ngerously ill are allowed in the pital barracks. On the slightest ovocation, men are sent to the unkers"—narrow cells which are ni-dark or completely dark. Their occupants are apt to suffer m frost-bite in winter; in them, a years ago, two Brownshirts who proved disloyal to Hitler re frozen to death.

However, German officialm can retort that it is mocratic, humanitarian ance which owns the most torious and dreaded penal settlent in the world. For scores of rs Devil's Island has been the ratory of French convicts and an ront to the conscience of the rest the civilised world.

Even the scum of the Paris underrld may be pitied as they embark the convict ship bound for that ony of criminals, herded in cages ed with pipes which, controlled m the engine-room, would emit nds of scalding steam if mutiny ke out.

The voyage is a luxurious cruise mpared with the servitude which aits them at their journey's end. fe for them is worse than death. is death by inches, death a thoud times over," writes a man sent Devil's Island for war-time pacim.

Every year, on the average, 800 of m try to escape; 550 are caught, of the remainder perish at sea in the fiery arms of Madame the Guillotine—the jungle.

If they make no effort to escape? ell, the Salvation Army reports at out of a convict population of out six thousand, there are a ousand deaths a year.

Death from malaria, leprosy, cand tuberculosis. Young men (and ne are first offenders) are often ecks at the early age of forty

Devil's Island, of course, is only part of the great penal settlement of French Guiana. Still worse is the islet of St. Louis, reserved for lepers. Then there is the New Camp for the infirm, sick and injured—"a refuse pit of festering humanity," as it has been described.

The cruellest tyranny of all is the law of Doublage, which compels released convicts to remain in the settlement for a period at least as long as their sentence; if the latter is one of eight years or more, they must stop there until they die.

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Some of these so-called discharged men are provided with a plot of land, but most live on the verge of starvation owing to lack of tools, or from ignorance; some steal to get arrested again or fall victims to the ever-menacing leprosy.

Those who escape but are recaptured are sent to Charvain, the Death Camp, where they work naked in the jungle, or undergo six months' solitary confinement on Devil's Island itself. For all, there is misery unceasing.

Now, at last, the French Government has decreed that Devil's Island must be closed; soon France's criminals will be sent to a barren, rocky islet, Ile de Re, near La Rochelle, where what is claimed to be the strongest prison in the world is being built.

Gone already are the worst evils of our own island penal settlement, Port Blair, in the Andaman Islands —scene of scores of hunger strikes by Indian political prisoners. Port Blair, too, was once a breeding-ground of disease.

Thirty-six hours' journey from Rangoon, three days from Madras across a dangerous, monsoon-swept ocean, its harbour presents a picture of wondrous beauty. Tree-covered hills top the luxuriant tropical vegetation that reaches to the shore; its clear waters reveal brightly coloured stones, coral and exotic fish.

Beautiful, yes. But the climate is torrid and damp. The rainfall sometimes reaches 120 inches a year. Its swamps, before the war, spread malaria, dysentery and tuberculosis; there used to be 14,000 cases of malaria each year among a population of 12,000.

Since then the disease-spreading swamps have been cleared away from the coast; and the sickness and mortality rates have fallen heavily.

Still, though the Indian Jails Committee, after its visit to the island in 1920, recommended that transportation should be abolished, transportation goes on. With one difference.

Only prisoners mentally and physically fit, and who volunteer to leave India, are now sent. It was decided a month ago, moreover, that in future terrorists and other political prisoners should no longer be confined at Port Blair.

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For the first six months the convict is lodged in the Cellular Jail. Then he is drafted into one of the near-by villages, receives full wages to clothe and feed himself, and is encouraged to send for his wife and children.

So many released prisoners have settled there for life that the free population totals 20,000, which is considerably more than twice the number of convicts. There is a high school, several primary schools. And some of the teachers are convicts!

So, slowly, prison reform continues. One day, let us hope, it will clean up all the prison islands in the world.

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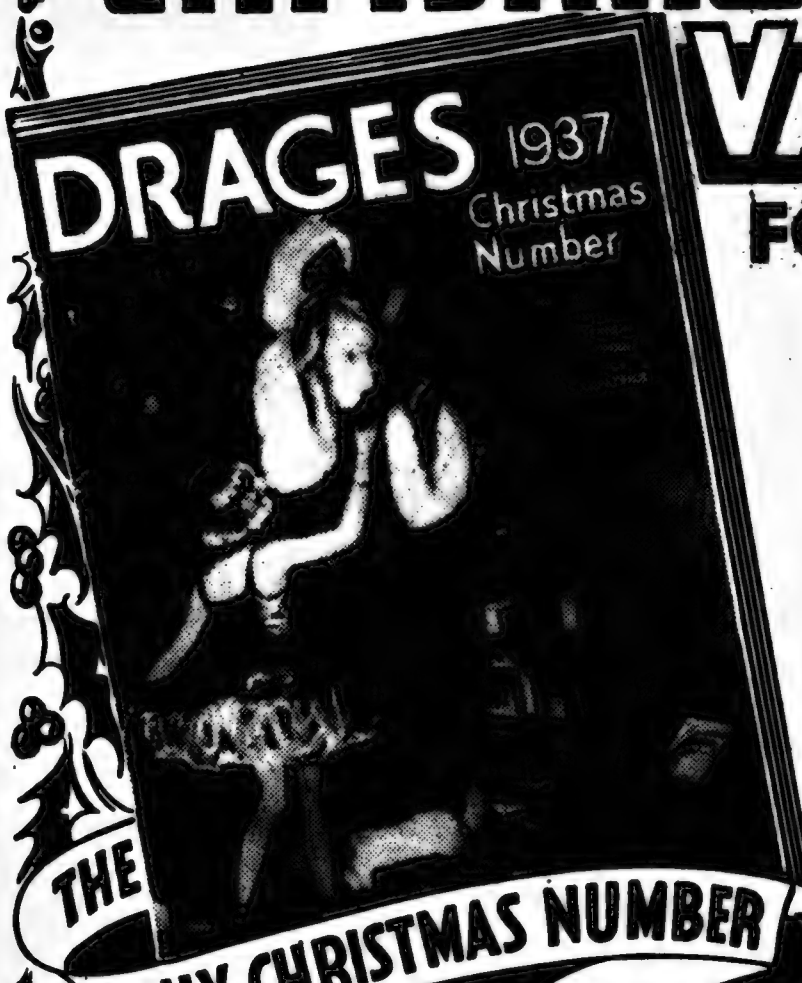

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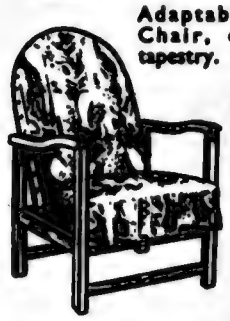

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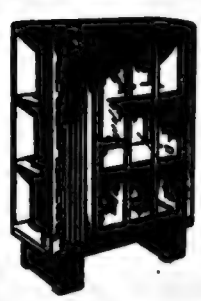

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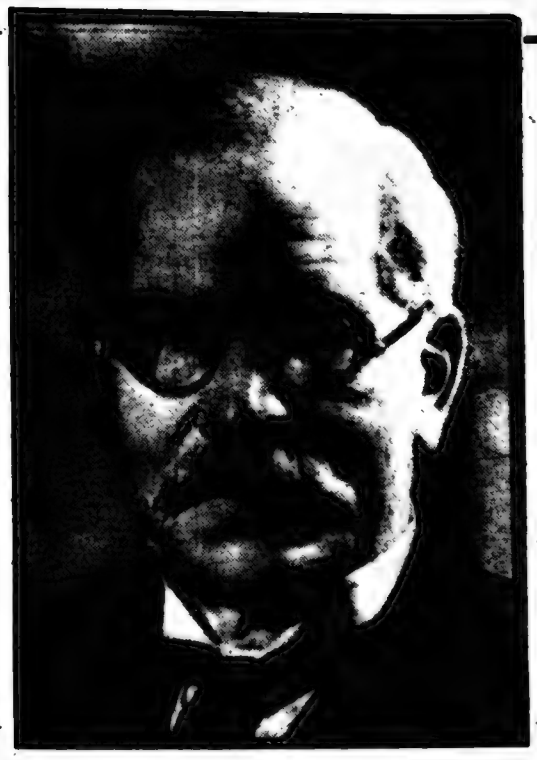

THE nation is the poorer by the death of James Ramsay MacDonald.

Whether to friend or foe, he was one of the half-dozen towering figures of this great epoch, and he will live in history, not merely as a romantic legend but as one of its most significant political landmarks.

From the direst poverty, and by the sheer unaided force of his own powerful personality, he clove his way to the position of First Citizen in the State, and changed the whole political structure of the country.

In the creation of the Labour Party others had their part, but it was his dominating mind and his grim tenacity of purpose that gave the movement shape and impetus and brought it ultimately to power.

No man in history ever experienced more of the violent extremes of fortune or of the buffetings of circumstance.

Now he was Public Enemy No. 1, the subject of universal execration and with every man's hand against him.

Then he was in the seat of Pitt and Gladstone, with an authority beyond that of kings and princes.

Now he was the idol of the movement he had done so much to create.

Then he was repudiated as its betrayer.

But through all these fluctuations he preserved his high courage and his personal integrity.

He neither gave quarter nor sought it.

In defeat he never showed the white feather.

In his time of triumph he remained the plain and simple citizen of his ideal.

Whatever the judgment of history upon his actions may be, his personality will always command respect.

He sought nothing for himself. His probity was above suspicion.

His public spirit was sincere.

His private life was simple and unstained.

He leaves behind the memory of a life bravely lived and greatly used.

...by A.G.G.

OPEN LETTERS

Miss EDNA MAY LANGLEY,
Lens er Road, Muswell Hill

DEAR MISS LANGLEY,—I hear you are to be appointed this week by the Board of Education to take charge of all school feeding of children in England and Wales.

At the age of 32 you assume tremendous responsibility. I am not aware of anything in the country which requires such drastic reorganisation as the provision of food for poor children in schools.

You cannot teach starving children. Gnawing hunger does not respond. In many distressed areas, if one child receives a glass of milk, five have to go without. Meals provided are often inadequate and of poor quality.

Remedy this grave state of affairs and you will be honoured by all.—JOHN BULL.

The LOCAL COUNCIL,
Horsforth, Yorks

GENTLEMEN,—There is a deficit of £180 a year on your housing account.

You propose to increase rentals by varying amounts, so that next year you will have a *surplus* of almost exactly the same amount.

What is the explanation of this abstruse venture in municipal accountancy? Come, let me into the secret.—JOHN BULL.

Dame MARIE TEMPEST, D.B.E.
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DEAR DAME MARIE,—How very right you are once more. You say it is women who conserve most that is best in civilisation by fostering home handicrafts which a world based on mass production would otherwise disdain.

Progress depends on the ideas evolved by ordinary handicraft. And in the evolution of those ideas, women are playing an ever-increasing part through the quiet, simple tasks pursued by the fireside.—JOHN BULL.

Rev. HAROLD WILDE,
En Route for Tristan da Cunha

DEAR SIR.—As I write these words you are bound on a 10,000-miles journey by land, sea and air to your lonely parish on the island of Tristan da Cunha in the Southern Atlantic.

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A noble and inspiring example to us all.—JOHN BULL.

Sheriff HAMILTON,
Sheriff Court, Paisley

SIR,—I write to commend you on your outspoken words to women jurors who recently claimed their right to refuse jury service because the action to be tried was unsavoury.

As you said, women fought to obtain equality of rights with men, and now they want favoured treatment in certain cases. I am sure that the majority of women in the country who enjoy full civic rights with men would not endorse the attitude of the women jurors of Paisley in getting out of an unpleasant situation by acting on a minor clause in the law.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. JOHN HARRIS,
Stipendiary Magistrate, Poplar

SIR,—It was with a sense of shame I read your remarks that everybody ought to know it is his legal duty to come to the aid of the police if called on. I thought everybody was aware of the fact, but I was wrong, for a Poplar crowd stood by and saw a bully bite and strike at two policeman carrying out their duty.

I hope one day such civilians may be summoned for refusal to aid the police in such circumstances. Such bad citizens richly deserve punishment.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. R. De La BERE, M.P.,
Evesham

SIR,—You want everybody in the country to have their finger-prints taken on the ground it would make it easier for the police to trace people suffering from loss of memory.

First of all, there is a very understandable objection on the part of law-abiding citizens to having their prints taken. Secondly, what is the percentage of the population which suffers from loss of memory in the medical sense?

Any more silly suggestions?—JOHN BULL.

MISS DOROTHY PETO,
Woman Police Superintendent, Scotland Yard

DEAR MISS PETO.—You talk good sense when you describe tales of alleged white slave traders who attack innocent girls with hypodermic needles as "all rubbish."

We agree with you that no girl incurs such danger, unless she makes herself cheap or goes on joy rides with total strangers.

The public has to thank your stalwart women for keeping down the menace of gutter crawling by undesirable motor drivers.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. W. J. H. BRODRICK,
Magistrate, Clerkenwell Police Court

SIR,—You decided to convict a meat porter on two charges of street betting but refused to allow costs for expenses of two police officers kept on observation duty for eight days.

It was but a matter of three guineas—about four shillings per officer per day.

We may all be agreed the betting laws of this country stand in need of drastic revision. But, while they exist, they must be enforced. It often takes days of hard work for the police to get enough evidence to bring a charge.

Must the taxpayer again be called on to pay expenses incurred in bringing a lawbreaker to account?—JOHN BULL.

Rt. Hon. OLIVER STANLEY,
President of the Board of Trade

DEAR SIR,—You have announced your Coal Bill. All coal in the country will be under State ownership by July 1, 1942.

It is a most important step forward. Coal is the only raw material of which we have more than enough for our needs.

I am happy about the part of the Bill dealing with coal royalties. But the section dealing with reorganisation is making me wonder.

Last year big interests forced the Government to drop its scheme for a Coal Mines Reorganisation Commission. You have substituted a Coal Commission. I hope it is not going to be a case of change this coat for that.

JOHN BULL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
Gateshead Football Club

SIRS,—You were once generous enough to allow unemployed workers in your town to pay sixpence gate money at half-time in League matches. Now you have withdrawn the "privilege" and the poor must either pay a shilling or else see nothing at all.

Are you scorning those humble sixpences because now you have sufficient gate not to need them? Remember it was those same tanners which helped to make your playing success in the past.—JOHN BULL.

RICHARD WHEELDON,
Nottingham

DEAR WHEELDON,—Not many people brought before the beaks are able to tell them what they *cannot* do—and get away with it as you did.

Told by the Chairman of the Wragby (Lincs) Bench that you would be sent to jail for two months on a charge under the Poaching Prevention Act, you smiled, and said he couldn't do it.

The Clerk of the Court confirmed this—so you were fined £5 instead.

Even Homer nods.—JOHN BULL.

Sir WILLIAM ROTHENSTEIN,
Eminent Artist, Highgate Village

DEAR SIR WILLIAM,—You complain that many houses now being built will not last 100 years. So much the better. In another 100 years our descendants will almost certainly have different ideas.

We are busy tearing down 100-year-old houses on all sides because they have outlived their purpose.

Attack disgraceful jerry-building and it is quite another story.—JOHN BULL.

Rt. Hon. Duff Cooper, M.P.

First Lord of the Admiralty

SIR,—In the Royal Navy last year 167 ratings were invalided out of the Service suffering from tuberculosis, but only in 115 cases was the disease considered to be "attributable to the Service." That meant that the other 52 men, to use the sailor's phrase, were "thrown on the beach."

You have just returned from a voyage of inspection of the Mediterranean Fleet. You must have seen for yourself the crowded accommodation of many of our warships.

Large numbers of men work and sleep well below decks in a high temperature and with only artificial ventilation. Their hammocks are slung far too close together.

Matters are even worse when ships are ordered to tropical stations. Ships then become breeding grounds for the dread tuberculosis.

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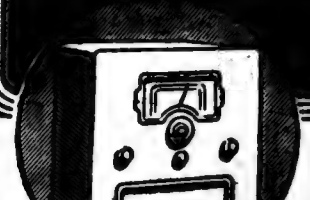

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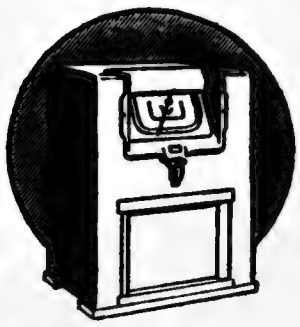

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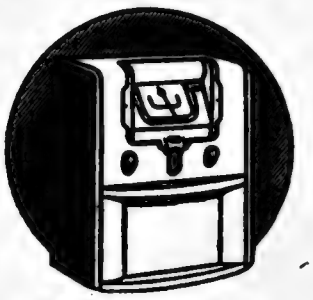

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by A. G. GARDINER

I VENTURE to offer my congratulations to Mr. Stanley Holmes, the Member for Harwich, on his Parliamentary success.

He had the good fortune to get the first place in the ballot this session for private Members' Bills, with the result that his measure, removing one flagrant scandal of the inheritance laws, is well on the way to the Statute Book.

Every fair-minded person who has thought about the subject at all has long felt the injustice of the existing law which permits any man or woman leaving money at death to "cut out" of his (or her) will any or every member of his (or her) family.

There are cases, no doubt, in which such conduct can be defended. But there are others, in which it involves the most cruel wrong. Most of us know such cases.

An old fool falls to the arts and crafts of the professional "vamp" or suffers a mental aberration in which he becomes hostile to his family and diverts his fortune from those who in every moral sense are entitled to some share of it.

Such a wrong is impossible in most countries, including Scotland, and it is monstrous that it has been so long tolerated here.

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If Mr. Holmes's Bill goes through, as there is every prospect that it will, malice or folly of this sort will henceforth be neutralised by action in the High Court.

But I refer to Mr. Holmes's success for a more general reason. It illustrates the power for good of the private Member of Parliament.

And at a time when the whole doctrine of Parliamentary government is fighting for its life against the doctrine of dictatorship, it is important that nothing that makes for its efficiency should be neglected.

It is not enough to have a Government that is responsive to public needs. The individual Member has his part to play. He can play it in two ways. He has not the same opportunity for speech-making as in other days, for the pressure of business compels the Government to take most of the time of the House.

But he can ask questions. There is no more valuable feature of Parliament than "question time," which offers a daily opportunity for turning the limelight upon any grievance or scandal that may touch the public in any sphere of activity.

No less precious is the day allotted to private Members' Bills—Friday. By this institution any private Member may, with luck in the ballot, do immense service to the State.

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He is able to force to the front an issue which, for some reason, good or bad, the Government refuses to make its own. And if he can carry Parliament with him he can alter the law of the land even if the Government is indifferent.

One of the most conspicuous examples of this power of the private Member is still fresh in our minds.

For years, almost for generations, this country had groaned under the infamies and imbecilities of the divorce law.

We loathed them, girded at them, appointed commissions to show they were to be done away with. And nothing happened. The subject aroused too much heat and was too prickly for Governments to take up.

Then came Mr. A. P. Herbert, with his wit, his indignation, and his good luck in the ballot. And, lo! all the ranks of the Philistines melted away like snow in April.

What no Government had been able to do in years he did by his Bill on a Friday afternoon, and to-day thousands of unhappy men and women in this land rejoice that at last we have a rational divorce law on the Statute Book.

Holiday makers will have something to thank Parliament for if two new Bills win through.

Take another illustration. For years a certain William Willett, a builder and estate agent, preached daylight saving. He was laughed at as a crank who had a bee in his bonnet.

No Government would touch him and Parliament was indifferent to him, until the urgencies of the war and the need of saving coal made his scheme imperative and led to the private Bill which he had formulated going through by universal consent.

No more splendid gift was ever made to the nation. Millions of people now enjoy the long summer evenings that Willett gave them. He did not live to see his triumph.

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But the advent of "summer-time" should be remembered as St. Willett's Day. Many men have been canonised for much less than he achieved.

And it was a private Member who delivered the death-blow to the horrors of sweating. For years Sir Charles Dilke hammered away at his minimum wage Bill for sweated workers.

When he passed away George Lansbury took up the tale, and out of that agitation and the work of the Anti-Sweating League, of which I had the privilege of being chairman, came the Trade Boards Act, which abolished sweating.

No more beneficent revolution was ever accomplished, and the impulse came entirely from one private Member.

So it was with the Plimsoll Act, the *Magna Charta* of the seafaring world. So it was with the famous Trades Disputes Act, which reversed the Taff Vale decision that practically struck the most powerful weapon of defence out of Labour's hand.

Hairdressers and barbers to-day have the privilege of a six instead of a seven days' week because of a private Bill introduced in 1930 by James Stewart, a Glasgow Socialist Member, himself originally a hairdresser.

It was a woman M.P., Miss Florence Horsburgh, of Dundee, who destroyed the dreadful traffic in methylated spirits in Scotland by her "Red Biddy" Bill. It was got through late one night, and Miss Horsburgh is immortalised as the first woman Member to get a private Bill in the Statute Book.

And so I might go on. But enough has been said to enforce the point I am making—that is, the power of the private Member in our democratic system of government to initiate and stimulate legislation.

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Let a Member make a subject his own and dedicate himself to promoting it, as the Herberts, Dilkes and Horsburghs have done, and his power of influencing Parliament can only be limited by the merits of his cause.

I rejoice to see that the good work is going on. I have before me the list of the private Members' Bills which have got a place in the ballot for this session.

It is a goodly company. It includes many measures dealing with reforms that have been ceaselessly urged in these columns. For example, there is Miss Wilkinson's proposed amendment of the law relating to hire-purchase.

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Dr. Haden Guest's proposal to deal with the evils of night work in bakehouses. Mr. F. O. Roberts' scheme for limiting hours of work in hospitals, etc. Mr. McMillan's Annual Holidays Bill, schemes for securing access to mountains and moorlands, for enabling local bodies to levy rates on land values, for amendments of the law of Workmen's Compensation, and so on.

Not all of them will have the success which Mr. Herbert and Mr. Holmes have had. But even those that do not find their way to the Statute Book will serve to educate Parliament and prepare for victory later on wherever victory is desirable in the public interest.

What Do You Want "A. G. G." to Write About?

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The Human Machine

HUMAN effort largely rests on three factors—the will to work, the ability to work, and the power to work. We are successful just so far as we direct our energy along these lines to right uses.

If a person hasn't got the will to work we say he's lazy. Now laziness isn't just lack of energy. That's a symptom, but your lazy person only does the pleasant things or the easy things. It is the shirking of real effort that distinguishes laziness.

The ability to work isn't something we're born with. It's something we can acquire—if we want it. It's the faculty of taking anything we have to do seriously, of taking interest in our work, of taking pleasure in doing it well. That's the ability to work, because that way and that way alone can we tap the energy that carries us along.

Action and feeling are twins. "Little feeling, little doing" is a psychological axiom: and the reverse is equally true. To accomplish much you must learn to care much.

To acquire the power to work you must learn to concentrate, to ignore all distractions, to keep steadily on until the job is finished. The measure of self-discipline and self-control you have achieved is the measure of your power to work.

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I Saw for Myself—

By Dr. J. L. H. Paterson

Built up from the letters of Dr. J. L. H. Paterson to his wife in England, this article appears with her permission.

Dr. Paterson is superintendent of the Lester Hospital for Chinese, staffed by the London Missionary Society.

Each day he makes his notes of death and terror, and of what happens to ordinary people when bombs are falling and shells make havoc.

A typical scene of desolation and destruction after a raid . . .

—the Stark Horror of Shanghai

REAL fighting broke out on Friday beyond Hongkew and the North railway station. That was when the Chinese claimed the Japanese had broken the 1932 Agreement, by pushing sentries into Chinese territory. The Agreement was that neither should send men into the strip of Chapei and Paoshan. The Chinese—following the Japanese—sent regulars into this area. And the two sides started in earnest.

The Japanese put their flagship—the *Idzumo*—up by the Japanese Consulate, near the Garden Bridge. The Chinese have been trying to bomb it from the air, and have not been good enough at the job.

Just as I went out to the roof garden to watch what was happening I saw a great mushroom of smoke from the corner of Avenue Edward VII and Thibet Road. Bombs!

Very soon after the victims started to come in—a long line of vehicles of all descriptions—bringing dead and injured to the hospital.

We had seventy corpses in our backyard by midnight, and there was no means of getting them away for some days, when the number had increased to 105. It was a ghastly business, blood flowing everywhere.

I had to run down a minute ago because of an alarm—only the nose of an anti-aircraft shell through the skylight of our autopsy room; the second to drop within the compound.

We all keep well though a bit tired. Gas has been cut off, but we have coal for steam for some time still. All of us on the top floor are messing together to save unnecessary cooking. It has to be done with small electric cookers and charcoal. Fresh food for the hospital is almost unobtainable. We are falling back on our stocks.

Surgical dressings are being used up fast, but I have put a notice in two newspapers asking for old linen. There has been a good response.

VOLUNTEERS are working, cutting up gauze, rolling up bandages, and looking after fourteen derelict babies. These little ones are laid out on mattresses—four to a mattress—and they are a noisy crew in a side room.

One man brought in this morning ten cases of condensed milk; another a pile of cloth samples from his office; another went hunting for other supplies, and so on. Fine work.

Surgeons have been working under great strain—between 90 to 100 cases a day; many are bad wounds, cranial and abdominal.

The chief trouble, in one way, is the number of people brought in as suspected spies or Japanese, after being set on by the crowds. Koreans, Chinese, and even to-day a Filipino—the champion boxer of Shanghai. I have a job in looking after these people until police protection arrives.

I have a number of people on the look-out for supplies of various kinds for us.

An hour ago I got a fine supply of morphine and syringes. Morphine has run very short in the Settlement. While writing this, a telephone call tells me that a friend is sending 1,000 lb. of cotton-wool first thing to-morrow.

Three or four friends are running round in cars bringing in supplies I have located.

Indeed, if I am in a hurry for anything, I get the first private car coming into the compound, and send it off to collect. No one dreams of refusing. Got a promise of thirty tons of coal *if I can get transport.*

Long lines of people are hunting for missing relatives in the hospital. Plenty of sad faces leave the place—"still missing." But others are discovered.

While we were finishing tiffin we heard a shell streak down somewhere near at hand, and saw the great blast of dust and smoke rise at Sincere's Corner.

A straying shell and a big one, too—with terrible consequences. This was only four hours ago, and 400 cases have come in already.

In our mortuary alone are fifty dead.

They say that 200 were killed on the spot.

One of the saddest parts is the immediate rush of people looking for relatives who have become casualties. Nothing will satisfy these people but a complete tour of the wards. And after that—of the mortuary.

Many of these anxious visitors go away in tears to hunt elsewhere. But others, in their gratitude at having found some loved one still safe, will lie down on the floor and give praises.

A scholarly old man with fan and long, straggly beard, accompanied by his wife and daughter-in-law, was hunting for an only son. I saw them in the out-patients' operating-room. The old man was shedding tears of joy over the son, lying on the operating-table, while the surgeon was cleaning up a badly smashed foot.

The son was too taken up soothing his father to pay much attention to the work on his foot.

BOMBING again to-day, and a miserable business. We had more than a hundred cases, mostly women and little children—many very severe. I have come to hate the day after these bombings, when anxious people search for their relatives.

Sometimes it is a joyful meeting in the wards—a husband and wife reunited, although one of them may be seriously injured. More often it is a different story.

There is a little boy standing up in his cot, crying for his mother hour after hour. This child was brought to us by a Chinese Boy Scout. He was lifted from the body of his mother, lying dead in the street.

A woman, with a small baby in her arms, was met running along the main corridor to the entrance. She had found her husband in the mortuary. She fled, crying and screaming.

Through these terrors there are bright spots—reunions sometimes dramatic—a lost baby in the children's ward, and the wounded and mourning mother in another ward.

How the connection between these two was found I do not know, but now they are together and getting along well.

Grim humour peeps out. A woman was brought in with a smashed leg, which was amputated immediately. She came out of the ether to wail and cry, because thirty dollars were hidden in the stocking of the amputated leg. She was much comforted when the money was restored to her.

Police observe—according to my information—that large numbers of Chinese have been herded into alleyways, and simply machine-gunned down. It is significant that when the Public Health Department demands passes to go in and collect corpses for destruction the Japanese absolutely refuse. They say they are going to do that themselves. Naturally, this is taken to mean that they do not want what they did in Hongkew in those early days to be known.

Just a sidelight on the effect of the artillery fire. How they train their gunlayers I cannot think. All day the third flotilla of the Japanese fleet has been firing—fifty rounds heavy to one Chinese light round.

'Planes were dropping bombs all over the place. But when the firing and bombing stopped *at 4.30 for tea*, two Chinese trench mortars revived and restarted. Even a Chinese machine-gun recommenced from the very spot which in theory should have been blown to bits.

Still getting lots of people seeking lost relatives. Each big smash produces a number more. When the Japanese bombed a train of boats full of refugees on the Soochow Creek many were killed. One boat overturned and sank.

A woman, her husband and an old father were among the refugees.

The husband got separated from the others in the panic rush. When the bombing occurred neither the woman nor her father was hurt.

Together they searched the banks of the river looking for the missing husband.

Then somebody told the wife of relatives having been found through our Lester Social Service. She came to us. Within five minutes our social worker was taking the wife to the bedside of her lost husband. He was wounded badly, but was getting on well.

I guess we all feel the effects of the past few weeks. But we manage to keep cheerful. There is a superabundance of medical work.

CHOLERA is still with us. Dysentery and typhoid are very common, too. One hopes all three will have died down before smallpox, diphtheria and relapsing fever start.

The place swarms with tales of terror and amazing heroism. It is difficult, sometimes, to make out the details from the poor, starved refugees, who have little memory of what actually happened beyond a huddling together in dark corners, quivering with every blast of bomb and shell.

Police and firemen have done wonderful work, going through the derelict areas searching for those unfortunate people, so terrorised that they refuse to come out from their shelter. They have lain hidden for days without food in the dark corners among the ruins.

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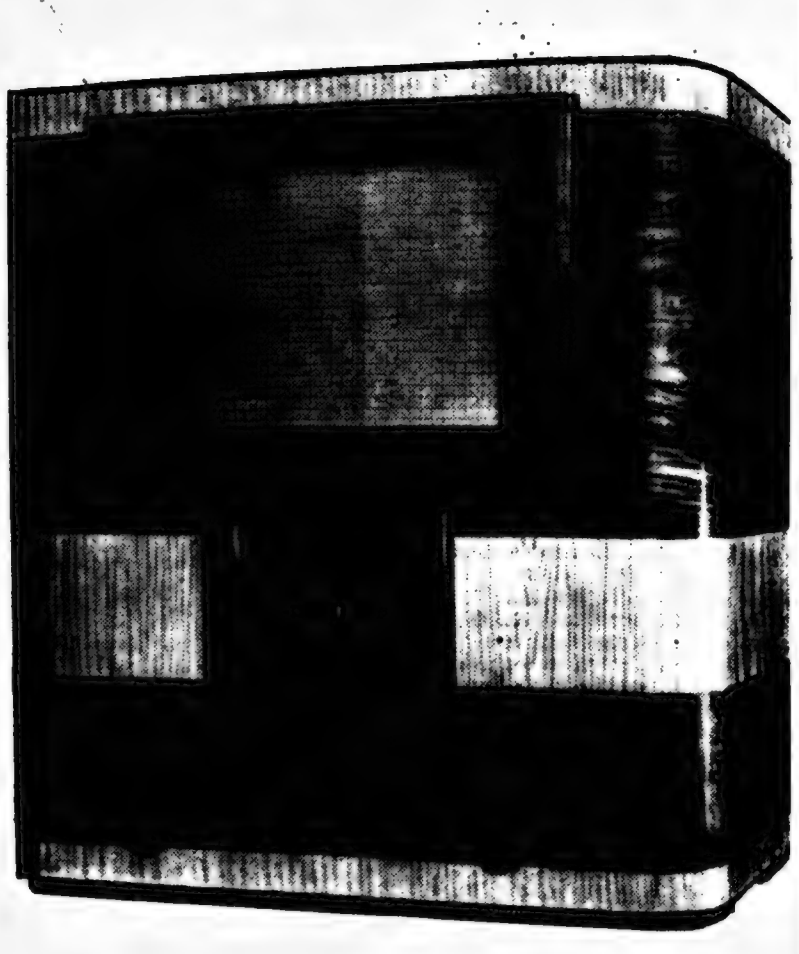

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Family Almost Spirited Away

This is the eighteen-year-old girl who was so nearly taken away from her workplace

SOME remarkable personal experiences have been related to me this week by JOHN BULL readers.

The one that caused me greatest surprise was told to me from Hanley, Staffordshire, and the further my enquiries in that district of the potteries progressed, the deeper my astonishment.

A woman named Mrs. Annie Jones, of Greenfield Road, Abbey Hulton, near Hanley, has just been in the police court on a charge of shoplifting.

Never for a moment was it thought by the police or suggested by the prosecution that Mrs. Jones was a thief in the ordinary sense of the word or that she had the slightest criminal instincts.

The woman is fifty-one years of age and has lately been in very poor health. That alone caused her to be irresponsible for her actions.

When they learned the facts and heard the medical testimony the magistrates dealt wisely and sympathetically with Mrs. Jones. The case was adjourned indefinitely and arrangements were made in court whereby she would enter a hospital at once and receive necessary treatment there during the next three months.

My concern is with an extraordinary series of events in the few hours that followed Mrs. Jones' appearance in court.

Let me mention here that she and her husband have for long been known in the locality as excellent and respectable citizens, with a comfortable home and devoted to the welfare of their five children, whose ages are from five to eighteen years.

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Mr. Jones had expected, of course, that after the court proceedings he would be without the company of his wife for a period. So he had made adequate arrangements for the four younger children to be cared for by his eighteen-year-old daughter and by a neighbour.

An hour or two after their mother had been dealt with in court, these four children were at play in the garden of their home awaiting the arrival of their elder sister, who is employed at a factory at Milton, a short distance away.

While the children were romping, a motor-ambulance drove up to the house in Greenfield Road and from it descended two women police officers in uniform, and a probation officer.

They entered the Jones' home.

"Come along, children," said a member of the invading party. "When you have put your clothes on we are going to take you away to somewhere nice."

The woman probation officer remained with the children and began to get them ready for removal.

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Her two police companions returned to the ambulance and went away in it. Even more remarkable than the events which I have described was the mission on which they departed.

They drove in the ambulance to the factory at Milton where the eighteen-year-old sister is employed.

As there is a staff of some two hundred people at this factory, it is not surprising that the arrival of the van and two women police officers should have aroused interest and excitement.

The policewomen sought out the girl and told her that, as her mother had been dealt with in the police court, they were going to take her to a hostel at Shelton. The young woman was instructed to step into the waiting ambulance.

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This girl possesses courage and common-sense. She asked if her father was aware of and had given his consent to such amazing procedure.

And when she learned that her father had not even been consulted in the matter, she politely told the police officers that she would refuse to accompany them and would proceed direct to her home for an interview with him.

The two policewomen accepted the situation with the best grace possible and left empty-handed in the ambulance.

They returned in it to the Jones' home at Abbey Hulton, where, by this time, the four other children had been dressed by the probation officer and were waiting tearfully for the next move.

Mr. Arthur Hollins, M.P. for Hanley, should find reason to challenge the Home Secretary

Happily, at this moment, Mr. Jones returned home from work. He was amazed both at what he saw and what he was told regarding the intention of the authorities to take his sons and daughters away from him.

He refused to be overawed and asked the police officers—unsuccessfully—to produce their written authority for the astounding attempt to deprive him of his family without intimation or consultation.

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So far Mr. Jones had only been made aware of the intention to remove his four younger children. He was heatedly challenging the action of the police when the eldest daughter arrived home and related to him the almost incredible story of what had occurred at her place of employment.

This was the last straw.

Mr. Jones could no longer control his indignation. He ordered the policewomen and the probation officer to leave his house instantly.

They went.

There is no doubt that but for his timely arrival home and but for the cool manner in which his eldest daughter dealt with the dreadful situation at the factory, Mr. Jones would have lost the custody of all his children.

Nothing perplexes me more in the correspondence I receive from the public than the descriptions of acts of this kind now so frequently attempted by the authorities.

I think my readers will agree that the official zeal for this sort of thing illustrated by the Hanley case has become intolerable. It requires, at least, an explanation in Parliament by the Home Secretary himself.

Problem of Evictions

TWO weeks ago there was related in these pages a very sad story regarding the plight of an elderly paralysed man named Edgar Stace, who was then about to be evicted from his shop and home in Wandsworth, S.W., after an order of the court had been obtained at the instance of the local council.

Since then Stace has been turned out of the premises.

He is so completely paralysed in the lower limbs that he can move only in an invalid chair. But, unfortunately, he had been for some time without a proper chair and, as one was necessary to enable him to go out to canvass orders for his small boot-repairing business, his means of livelihood gradually disappeared. In consequence, he was unable to maintain his rent payments.

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The recital of the facts of this case has brought me a number of most interesting letters from town clerks, municipal estate managers and members of local authorities who devote themselves specially to the problem of subsidised working-class housing.

All these letters ask one question. It is: Can any council be expected to show more consideration to tenants who default in payment of rent than a private landlord would, and at the same time administer the housing estates successfully in the ratepayers' interests?

To Councillor W. H. Heath, the popular former Mayor of Wandsworth, JOHN BULL is specially indebted for more information relating to the case of Stace's eviction. The facts supplied by Mr. Heath crystallise the serious problem that confronts local councils up and down the country.

Wandsworth has been by far the most progressive borough in London in respect of housing development, and the tenants

Councillor W. H. Heath, popular ex-Mayor of Wandsworth

of the Council who have fallen into financial difficulties have received much more generous consideration than people in other areas.

There can be no doubt also that great leniency was shown to Stace. Because of his disability he was allowed to occupy his shop at the low inclusive rental of 13s. 4d. per week. As his business fell away, he was unable to keep up even this amount of payment.

Week by week, Stace's arrears of rent increased until, after six months, £17 10s. had accumulated.

It was then that the Wandsworth Council, who had been dealing with the case most tolerantly, was compelled to seek the judicial order for his eviction, which has now been executed.

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Were the Wandsworth authorities justified in taking that action against this crippled man? Throughout the country local authorities have now to deal daily with hundreds of cases similar to that of Stace.

I would like to hear representative opinions on the subject from JOHN BULL readers, who will, no doubt, pay regard to the volume of opinion that destitute and helpless people who occupy council property should receive unusual consideration and treatment.

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IN different parts of the country parents of children of school age are being robbed by a supposed firm of the name of Maurice Bertram and Co., which describes itself as educational publishers and represents to have offices in Regent Street, London, S.W.

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In some cases these men have even visited schools in the district before approaching parents, and, by trickery, have obtained from headmasters and teachers lists of the names and addresses of children in their classes.

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MY READERS DISCOVER

Eight Grave Scandals

FROM beginning to end of any year, I suppose, no one in Britain has to deal with a post so varied and intimate and of such wide general interest as the one which comes daily to my desk.

This morning I thought it would be an interesting illustration of my readers' observation of current topics if I took a number of their letters from the top of my mail at random and blended them in a miscellany of comment on what interests them and me.

Death Quarry

For some time, by the evidence I have been receiving of the unnecessary loss of life in factories, mines and other workplaces, I have felt justified in my agitation for a severe tightening of the Home Office regulations regarding dangerous industrial conditions.

Perilous work—it demands better supervision

It is not surprising, therefore, that from four readers in Kent I should have received by one post to-day details of the tragic death of a young married man named Frederick Saffery, of Vauxhall Avenue, Canterbury.

Saffery, who was only twenty-nine years of age, was at work in a local quarry digging chalk a few feet from the surface. Unknown to him, the place had become undermined. Tragedy was therefore almost inevitable. The man was buried in about 9 ft. of chalk which fell, weighing, perhaps, a ton. He lived for only a few minutes after his workmates extricated him.

The mishap has been officially stated to have been caused not so much by slackness of management as by a want of management. *There had been no proper supervision of the dangerous conditions under which Saffery was put to work.*

Yet the risk of disaster from undermining in this perilous quarry should have been easy to discern. The accident happened on a Monday morning and there had been heavy rain throughout the week-end.

Some of my correspondents suggest that the death of Saffery points to the need for amendment of the safety regulations so that workplaces of this kind should be examined after every week-end before work begins for the week.

I would go further than that. The Home Office should frame and enforce a rule that inspection must be made *every morning* before men in such hazardous occupations are set to work.

Meanness

In my post to-day I also find numerous sad stories of the conditions under which unemployed men were given temporary work at the polling-booths in the recent municipal elections.

The majority of the instances presented to me reveal that these men, who were completely without means, were not paid for their services until many days after they had been performed.

Particularly cruel is a case from Salford concerning a man named Oswald Booth, of Great Clowes Street, Broughton, who has been bound over for six months for the theft of a bicycle from the town hall.

This man had been a poll clerk at the Salford election. He waited two days for payment. None was forthcoming even then. He was told to apply for the money owing to him later in the week.

Booth was completely destitute. He saw the bicycle in a room of the town hall, yielded to temptation and took it to sell so that he could obtain food.

It is monstrous that wealthy local authorities should, in such manner, withhold money which they owe to poverty-stricken men whose labour they have utilised. I hope that before the next elections take place, returning officers everywhere will have learned a lesson from the case of Oswald Booth.

79/- for 3d.!

As usual, I find in the letters now on my desk a number directing my attention to what appear to be unduly harsh sentences imposed by magistrates for most trivial offences.

One this week that I would specially like to make known is reported to me from Bradford, where three youths have been charged with stealing from an allotment three turnips—of the value of 3d. in all.

For the theft of 3d. worth of turnips, fines of nearly £4 were imposed

The magistrate has decided that each of the young men should be fined the equivalent of one week's wages! For 3d. worth of turnips—taken more as a prank than with any idea of theft—the fines inflicted on the three lads come to a total of £3 19s.!

Rents Ramps

I am gratified that so many JOHN BULL readers offer me their thanks for my campaign against landlords who plunder their tenants by demanding excessive—and illegal—rents.

A criticism which I find repeated a number of times in my post to-day comes from people in country districts who complain that the only property owners I have attacked are those in urban areas. The rent racket, these readers inform me, is quite as intense in rural localities.

In this connection I observe with special pleasure the activities of the Rev. C. W. Hall, a member of the Walsingham Council, of Norfolk, who has been investigating the impositions of house landlords in the countryside.

Rural housing problem is made worse by exploitation of tenants

He has no doubt about the existence of a rent ramp in the rural places of Britain. He finds that it has been in existence for years and can cite cases in which landlords only execute essential repairs to their property when they can recover the cost from increased rents.

Mr. Hall makes the remarkable revelation that some landlords of this type outside the towns are obtaining a return of no less than 40 per cent. for their capital expenditure on property.

Queer Justice

The manner in which justice is dispensed in some of the police courts of this country often bewilders me.

My perplexity is increased by the receipt from a number of JOHN BULL readers in the Carlisle district of particulars of proceedings a few days ago at the local police court.

Two men were charged there with breaking and entering a golf club pavilion and stealing wine and tobacco to the value of £9.

They were bound over for six months.

The next case was that of a tramp who broke into a private house and stole £25 worth of gold and silver property.

He was released on condition that he left Carlisle at once!

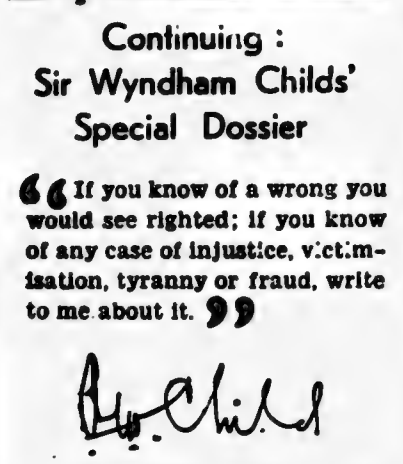
Then into the dock were ushered three boys who had let off fireworks in the street and in a public park.

They were dealt with as real criminals. They were convicted and fined and the warning was given that any future similar offenders would be much more severely dealt with.

The best comment on the administration of this kind of justice is in the facts themselves.

Continuing:
Sir Wyndham Childs' Special Dossier

"If you know of a wrong you would see righted; if you know of any case of injustice, victimisation, tyranny or fraud, write to me about it."



Milk Menace

For some months past I have been receiving letters from parents making serious allegations regarding the conditions under which milk is supplied to school children—a subject in which I have always been very much interested.

A batch of letters I have to-day from Flintshire in North Wales bring to my notice the fact that in that area there has been serious sickness among children in consequence of the quality of the milk supplied to them.

Investigation has shown that the cleanliness of the milk bottles was unsatisfactory and that the plant at the factory from which supplies were provided was defective.

Children trust that their milk is pure

This is alarming information. I pass it on to the Minister of Health and the President of the Board of Education with the utmost confidence that they will take quick action to remove this scandal and menace to little children.

One consequence of the apprehension felt by parents in different areas is a diminishing demand for the schools milk service.

This is not surprising when reports spread so freely of children falling ill—in some cases, as in Flintshire, contracting jaundice.

Remember, after reading this assortment of facts, culled from one morning's post to me, that the cases presented have not been specially chosen. Politicians and Civil Servants would be astonished at what my readers tell me if they could sit but for a few hours in my room on any day and peruse the contents of my mail.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED . . .

Insurance Impostors

IF a new collector appears at your house in place of your usual insurance agent, demand to see his credentials before you part with your shillings and pence to him.

This warning is necessary in view of a number of reports which have come to JOHN BULL this week from various parts of the country from householders who have found themselves cheated.

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The first notification of this fraud came from the Seladon district of Croydon, but subsequent information shows that it is being practised also in places so far separated as Bath, Liverpool, Leeds, and Grantham.

These bogus collectors make themselves familiar with the identity and movements of the *bona-fide* agents of well-known insurance companies.

When they call at a house they state either that the usual agent has fallen sick or has been suddenly called to the head office of the company.

They carry with them what appear to be proper books and, from the manner in which they deceive victims and give receipts, most of them seem to have a good acquaintance with insurance business.

A mystery yet to be solved is the method by which these rogues obtain accurate lists of the names and addresses of different insurance companies' clients.

The evidence suggests that there is a serious leakage at the offices of the companies and the fraud might be effectively checked by vigilance in these quarters.

JUMP TO IT!

On page 6 this week JOHN BULL gives you a final opportunity to secure for a child you love the finest Xmas Gift of all—"THE FAVOURITE WONDER BOOK."

Never before has there been a book so good as this lovely 768-page volume which contains scores of stories and over 300 illustrations, including colour plates.

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"Working-class families don't buy luxury fish. As for second-grade fish, as you call them, we don't get half the variety nowadays. I'd often have bream or gurnet for a change, but I hardly ever see them in the shops."

Are they right? Is there profiteering?

What are the real facts why a great industry is faced with ruin and thousands of men are no longer able to earn a livelihood at sea?

The first fact is that if anyone is making money out of the present tragic muddle it is not the producers. Many trawling companies are in financial difficulties.

Many *good* catches fetch prices which mean a dead loss to the owners.

Ninety-nine per cent. of white fish (all, that is to say, except such species as herring, mackerel, trout, shellfish, etc.) now come from deep-sea fisheries; and our trawlers are forced to voyage to the Iceland coast, the Faroes and other distant grounds.

Yes, but this is mainly due to the increasing competition of other European countries: also because near waters are becoming denuded of good quality fish.

And it starts a vicious circle of trouble.

It means more expensive boats to undertake long voyages. It means more coal—about four tons of coal are burned up to catch one ton of fish.

And coal, like fishing tackle and every other commodity used by the boats, has increased in price.

Then the bigger catches result in a glut on the market. Glut means lower prices—to the fishermen only.

Last year, though a new record was set up for heavy catches, fishermen got £25,000 less for their labour than in 1935, even less than in 1913.

Cod, for example, fell from 12s. 6d. a hundredweight to 10s. 11d.; hake, from 48s. 10d. to 42s. 1d., and so on.

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Work it out and you'll see that the trawlers got about 4½d. a pound for hake, though you paid 1s. 1d. or 1s. 2d. The difference was swallowed up by distribution.

This brings us to the next stage of our enquiry.

Fish on being landed is sold by auction at the port in the early hours of the morning. If you ever attend one of these auctions you will be amazed at the confusion, the poky surroundings, the lack of hygiene and care that is often apparent.

You will probably say that there are more than enough salesmen employed by the trawler owners, though it's true that a good number are required to cope with peak landings at high speed. You'll certainly say at once that there are far too many wholesalers trying to get a picking from the trade.

At Grimsby alone there are seven hundred wholesale merchants!

The wholesalers are the men who fix the prices.

Guided by the course of yesterday's markets at other centres, by news of expected landings at various ports, they telephone to their regular customers and endeavour to estimate the quantities they can dispose of.

At all the ports a great deal of congestion is caused by casual merchants who muscle in on the business of established stallholders who pay rent.

Some were employees yesterday; to-day they try to filch the trade of their old employers and help to depress prices still lower.

One result of this cut-throat competition and absurd overlapping is that a large proportion of the smaller merchants have overdrafts at the bank, and even the bigger concerns are sometimes faced with considerable losses.

The confusion caused by these armies of wholesalers makes possible another evil.

It gives plenty of opportunity for inferior fish to be covered by a layer of a superior grade and sold at top rates.

Now pass on to a further stage in the progress of fish from the trawler's hold to your table—a progress so ill-organised that, as a Government Commission reports, "if fish arrives at its final destination somewhat stale, there is little chance of telling whether ship, port wholesaler, transport agent or inland merchant was most responsible."

Rapidly packed and despatched from the wholesaler, it reaches one of the inland markets—Billingsgate, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Glasgow.

At Billingsgate there are 230 wholesale merchants inside the market or near by.

As though these were not enough to play the part of middlemen, there are secondary wholesalers known as "bummarees," who deal in split quantities for the smaller buyers.

Not to mention the thousand odd porters who, because the market is so cramped as to be a disgrace to the world's biggest city, have to carry loads a quart... more.

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Again, the large number of merchants and the costs involved keep profits reasonably small. Few Billingsgate merchants average much more than 2 per cent., though some of the more flourishing concerns do considerably better.

Billingsgate is privately owned; the other inland markets are owned and controlled by the city authorities.

You might think the civic bigwigs would be anxious to eliminate an unnecessary secondary stage in wholesale distribution. If they bought direct, thus cutting out the port auctions, they would save both money and re-handling of the fish. But except in the case of Glasgow, which does this to a large extent, these advantages have not yet been realised.

And so to the retail shops.

Nobody knows how many they total. One estimate says there are about 8,500 fishmongers and 2,000 fish friers in Great Britain; another puts the respective numbers at 16,000 and 30,000. You just have to take your choice.

The one certain thing is that, except in some suburbs where there is no competition, retail profits are not exorbitant.

Official inspection of representative fishmongers' accounts has revealed an average profit of rather less than 2½ per cent., and this modest figure is easy to understand.

Turnover is small compared with other trades; a fishmonger's assistant may take £10 a week in sales against the grocery assistant's £40 or £50.

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Apart from isolated cases, then, the trade cannot be accused of profiteering.

Much of the disparity between port prices and shop prices is accounted for by essential costs. The fish has to be iced, boxed, transported to and from markets, wrapped by a shop assistant and delivered by a boy on a bicycle.

It is clear that only by drastic changes in distribution methods, the elimination of needless handling in the marketing processes, can prices be reduced to the consumer and a more economic return assured to the producers.

And, we must hope, it is along these lines that the Government's aid will be directed.

A slender hope, if we may judge by the curious forms of assistance doled out to other distressed industries.

Wisely, the numbers of wholesalers will be restricted. So, unfortunately, will the numbers of trawlers and fishermen.

Though twenty-five out of every hundred fishermen working in 1930 are now idle or engaged on road mending or farm jobs, though hundreds of vessels of all classes are laid up, it is asserted that only artificial scarcity can provide a remedy.

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Westminster will not, you may be sure, explain how poor folk can afford to buy dear fish.

It will, no doubt, ignore the cruel absurdity of dumping back huge catches into the sea while in near-by towns thousands of the unemployed and their families are going short of food.

A difficult problem, admittedly. But one which should not defy solution if the best brains of the country were mobilised.

Long before that is done, we fear, disaster will come to those other sufferers of the fishing industry—the drifter men.

Drifters are the smaller vessels which use a light oblong net on the surface, while trawlers trail a heavy net, shaped like a tapering pocket, along the sea-bed.

Trawlers usually go on a three weeks' cruise in search of white fish; drifters return after a single night and specialise in herring.

The plight of the drifters is as serious as that of the trawlers. For the same reason—fish is too abundant!

It is the best herring season for years. In *quantity*, that is to say.

Last season's catch reached the astounding total of 545,702 crans, about 700,000,000 fish. This year will be still better.

But not in price.

Go on to the quaysides of Yarmouth or Lowestoft and you'll find herrings six a penny. Go into a near-by shop and you'll have to pay a penny each; in the cities sixpence a pound, with three or four fish to the pound.

Before the war you could buy three or four a penny from town shops.

Once again, the cost of distribution is blamed. Once again, the people who get the blame say that it isn't their fault but the public's—we don't buy enough to pay the fishermen's way.

Nor do the foreigners.

Once Russia would take a million barrels from us in a season; this year she has given us no orders.

Why should she pay us 39s. a barrel when the subsidised Dutch and other fishermen are glad to sell at 25s. a barrel?

As for Germany, she not only looks askance at us, but pulls our nose—by building fleets of modern drifters, importing Scots fisher girls to teach her how to gut and pack the fish, and then banning all British catches from her ports.

There is, of course, a Herring Board which is supposed to deal with these hard facts.

Its most important constructive effort so far, however, has been the printing of pamphlets telling the British housewife how herrings should be cooked.

It has, like all our other food boards, been exceedingly active in the interests of destruction.

It has bought old drifters and sold them for scrap, refused to replace or recondition those which are rapidly becoming obsolete, dumped back hundreds of tons of herrings into the sea.

It has closed ports because of the glut, and turned a blind eye to the thousands of men who have been thrown idle, to the owners who have lost vessels, savings and their homes.

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In view of the latest glut, then, drifter men will be lucky if they receive a bonus at the end of the season to supplement their wages of 25s. a week.

The fisher lassies, guaranteed 15s. a week, will probably fail to earn the expected £10 or £15 bonus during their stay in English ports.

Just in one or two almost negligible branches of the industry are conditions as rosy as the sunsets usually depicted in sea pictures.

Sprats, an uncertain fishery, had its best season last year; demand for canning and export was so keen that hardly any went to the manure market, which in the past has been the regular outlet for a surplus.

Canning requirements promise to make this exceptional state of affairs a permanency. Increased demand for oysters, too, reflect the greater prosperity in the big cities.

This, however, offers a limited scope to an industry employing more than 50,000 fisherfolk and hundreds of thousands of people in various ways. And what chance is there of the industry as a whole sharing the better times?

Unless the Government's plans for dealing with the white fish section are unexpectedly revolutionary, unless the present Herring Board is superseded by a more courageous and powerful one, disaster seems certain.

As certain as that, whatever happens, your fish will remain dear.

FICTION CHARACTERS in REAL LIFE

The original Captain Kettle

That Little Red Captain

He had passed a coil or two of wire rope about her propeller

by Victor MacClure

who describes his meeting in real life with a man who resembled C. J. Cutcliffe Hyne's "Captain Kettle," famous skipper in fiction.

AS soon as I stepped on deck from the end of the almost perpendicularly elevated gangway, I could tell that the *Cabrera* was in the charge of a seaman.

First sight of her as I came along the wharves of the Bilbao river had made my heart rather sink inside me. An ugly black freighter with the comically thin smokestack was, to begin with, apparently in ballast.

But the sight of the *Cabrera's* decks was reassuring. Spanish freighters, and especially old ones, are apt to look unkempt. Deck gear and so forth usually lies all adrift—and then there's the Iberian habit of expectoration.

Well, the *Cabrera* was all hold and hatch, and a proper old tub. And she was badly in need of paint.

Yet her decks were clean, her scuppers tidy, and all her deck gear was properly stowed. What could shine, shone. If she was not taking freight aboard the crew was not mouching. A couple of groups of them were making cargo nets on either side of the after hatch.

"Passenger?"

An officer in faded but clean dungarees had left the net-makers to come over and welcome me. He touched the peak of his tarnished uniform cap and held out a hand. I admitted to being a passenger and to being British.

"Buena!" said the mate. "Now we go, I think, and see Don Gabriel——"

"See whom?" I asked.

"The capitan—Senor Gabriel Aznar de Robleda."

"Yes, I'd like to meet him," said I. "But let me first pay off the porter."

Jasus Barola—the name, I learnt, of the mate—waited, grave-faced, until I had given the porter his fee, and then led me solemnly up the ladder to the higher housings amidships. He knocked at a cabin door which was cleated open. Somebody barked inside.

"The passenger, senor capitan!" Jasus explained.

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There was another bark from the interior. I gathered that the captain of the *Cabrera* had not much use for passengers. Then the door catch was lifted and a short, square-shouldered figure stepped out on deck.

I found myself looking into dark brown eyes that had red lights in them and a directness of gaze so piercing as to give almost a physical shock.

Don Gabriel looked straight at me while he held out his hand for the passage receipt which Jasus was offering him.

He still stared at me while he unfolded the ticket and removed from between his teeth the thin maduro which had been cocked up at an aggressive angle towards the peak of his equally aggressively tilted cap.

With the cigar between fore and middle finger he smoothed out the ticket, while he still looked at me. Then he grunted and glared at the paper.

"Señor Don Mac Clure—" he read, splitting my surname. "Hah! Inglés?"

"No," said I. "Señor Don Victor MacClure," I amended. "Escocés."

He showed me one bright eye from under the peak of his cap.

"English—Scottish," he said. "Isn't it the same thing?"

"Not exactly. If you chanced to be Galician, captain, you might not care to be called Andalusian—though both are Spanish. The word you want is 'British.'"

It wasn't that I really cared a particle about being dubbed English. I only wanted some point on which to put him right in return for his pepperiness.

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Suddenly he grinned. He passed my ticket back to Jasus and his cigar into his left hand. Then he tipped a finger or two of his right to the peak of his cap and offered me the hand.

"Carramba!" he said. "I have met Scotsmen before this, Don Victor. We'll try to make you comfortable aboard. See to it, Barola! Till supper, Meester Mac!"

That was my first contact with "The Little Red Captain"—as the *Cabrera's* complement called him, and as other people called him, though not to his face.

Don Gabriel's likeness to Captain Kettle was not immediately apparent. He was, for one thing, clean-shaven. And for another, his "redness" was not absolute.

His hair was darkish brown with ruddy-fair streaks in it, as if he had carelessly bleached it. His eyebrows had the same bleached look, and at times seemed almost flaxen against the ruddy olive tan of his face.

Normally, his movements were much less brisk than one imagines those of Cutcliffe Hyne's peppery little hero to have been. But Don Gabriel could move like lightning when the occasion demanded.

Except for those superficial differences he was Captain Kettle to the life. He was as fine a seaman as I've ever met. One could see he was good from the look of his battered old ship, from the way that his crew "jumped to it."

The only time I ever heard the little red captain really curse was in the harbour of Cartagena, and that was at the Spanish Navy. Don Gabriel loathed the Spanish Navy as profoundly as he admired the British.

In the inner harbour a new cruiser, about a week in commission, was manœuvring to put to sea. She had the local Capitan-General aboard.

He was going up to Barcelona to some Governmental function, and he had been bugled and trumpeted aboard with a salute of guns, flowers and bunting.

I was on the *Cabrera's* bridge with Don Gabriel watching the show when there burst from him a perfect snarl of an "Eee-e-ya-ah!"

"Looks as if she's going to bump!" said I.

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"Of course she's going to bump!" said Don Gabriel. "These patent-leathered, prinked-up, handless, thumbless, bullion-ornamented, brainless sons of female dogs! These café-loungers—these vermouth-swillers—these lady-killers—of course they're going to put her on the rocks!"

Don Gabriel's admiration for the British Navy was so great that one would have imagined he belonged to it.

He had never heard, as I discovered, of the little red captain of fiction whom he so greatly resembled, but he had heard of Admiral Beatty and of the "Nelson touch." Later on, in the *Cabrera's* voyage we did sight some units flying the White Ensign—one of them was *Renown*—and Don Gabriel actually swelled.

He went down into his cabin and brought out his best uniform tunic and cap. That last went over his right eye completely. His stance, with both hands deep in his tunic pockets, became squarer than ever.

And when, having broken out and dipped his old "Tomato Omelette" at the staff astern, he actually did get an answering dip of the flagship's ensign, the blood of pride surged into his face up to his eyes.

Among the saints and archangels that, in name at least, Don Gabriel numbered among his crew (Rafael, Michael, Salvador, Tomas among others), there was Don Angelo, his chief engineer.

They had been together for many years off and on, and it was from Angelo that I heard those stories of the *Cabrera's* skipper which confirmed my idea that he was Captain Kettle to the life, in deed as well as in manner. Angelo, who came from Pontevedra, like many another Galician, had in early life sought a fortune in the Americas.

Don Gabriel, who at least sat for his "tickets" in the North, also went westward.

The pair found themselves together, the one as skipper and the other as engineer, in a gun-running job somewhere towards Panama. They were

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Cut two rounds of pastry for each. Keep those cut from the first rolling for the tops of the pies. Bake in a hot oven. (Regulo Mark 7.)

Make **MINCEMEAT** *like this:*

½ lb. currants.
½ lb. sultanas.
½ lb. Stork Margarine.
1 wineglassful brandy.
2 ozs. sugar.
½ teaspoonful nutmeg.
½ lb. peel.
½ lb. raisins.
½ lb. apples.
1 lemon.
½ teaspoonful ginger.
½ teaspoonful mixed spice.
Pinch of salt.
½ teaspoonful cinnamon.

Stone and chop the raisins, rub and pick the sultanas, pick and dry the currants. Chop the peel finely. Melt the Stork Margarine. Peel and chop the apples. Grate the lemon rind. Strain the juice and mix everything thoroughly. Put into jars, place on top a cover dipped in brandy and seal with parchment paper till required.

See page 18 of the Stork Cookery Book.

SHORT PASTRY

½ lb. self-raising flour, sifted with a pinch of salt.
½ lb. Stork Margarine.

An eggcupful of cold water (you may not need it all; some flour takes up more water than others).

Note.—Cold milk can be used instead; it makes a very good short crust.

For method of making see page 17 of the Stork Cookery Book.

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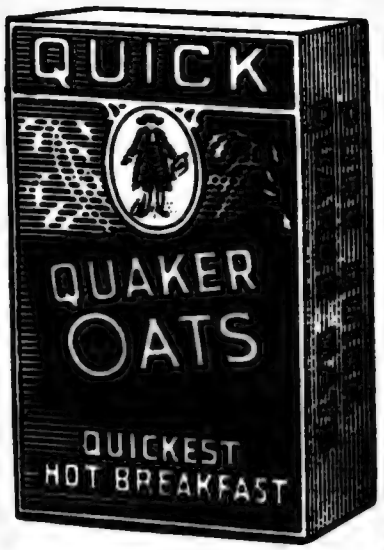

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Little Red Captain

within an hour or two's steaming of the place where they were to land their cargo, when they found a gunboat on their tail.

The gunboat adhered to the opposite party from those to whom the cargo was consigned, and it put a shell across their bows, ordering them to heave-to for examination.

"It happened," said Angelo, "that we were in amongst a collection of islands, and 'Reddy' bolted for it. We skinned through a narrow gut between a couple of the islands, the gunboat hot on our tail. They gave up shelling us. Economy I expect.

"They had only to follow until we got through the gut, and then they had us. We had nothing like their speed. But 'Reddy'—don't *you* call the captain by that nickname, Don Victor—he hadn't made for that gut just at hazard. He had an idea. As we went he dropped drums full of explosive with time fuses attached.

"The set of the tide was towards the gunboat even if she had given up the chase, and she couldn't turn because of the narrowness of the gut. The drums drifted down on her, and one at least exploded against her side.

"I don't suppose it damaged her much, if at all, but the bang was splendid. We got away—doubled back round the other side of the higher island—and landed our cargo that same night. Formidable—eh?

"We hadn't the luck to be among islands next time we were caught on a similar job," the engineer went on. "The guard-boat that nabbed us came up while we were waiting for the cargo-lighters in the dark. Switched her searchlight on us suddenly. Our anchor was down. No running away then. They put a guard aboard us.

"We were under arrest and were to lie with steam up ready to proceed under her guns to the nearest arsenal port. When the boarding-party came Don Gabriel had vanished.

"I didn't see anything of the captain until about daybreak, and then nothing much of him because a relief party arrived from the guard-boat with the message we were to get ready to sail. That meant the engine-room for me, of course.

"Time passed, and the bell came through to me to stand by. The forward winch rattled and the anchor chain hove short. I could hear it. Then came the final rattle and the bell to me for half-ahead. On top of that—ping-ping—came full speed ahead. And then I knew there was something doing on deck. I heard a gun go off from the guard-boat.

"There was a marine posted at the controls, but the sound of the gun made him gape, silly-like, and I took the chance to let him have it with a spanner. My second dropped on him, and took his rifle. Then I shinned up on deck.

"On deck," said Angel, "I found 'Reddy' master of the situation. Up to the moment when the telegraph pinged half-ahead to me, he and O'Neil, the mate, and the crew had played docile. But the half-ahead was the signal for the lot of them to fall on the boarding party. It had been easy—and there was the *Pilar* steaming pretty down the coast with the guard-boat dropping quickly astern."

"Not following?"

"Not following, nor even firing on the *Pilar*," chuckled the engineer. "The people aboard her had their hands full. She was adrift. When that little red devil had vanished the previous night, it had been to lie low with the *Pilar's* carpenter in one of the off-shore boats with a coil of thin wire rope.

"As soon as everything was quiet he dropped down on the guards costa and slipped under her counter. Then he had passed a coil or two of the wire rope about her propeller and put a loop or two of it round her rudder-post. She was a little bit of a vessel, though too quick and too powerfully armed for us, and the job was easy.

"Of course, when they started up her engine that morning, the propeller had run for a bit, then gathered up the wire coils and seized, at the same time jamming the rudder.

"Adrift, and on a lee shore at that, there was too much to do aboard to permit attention to the *Pilar*, even if the guns could have been trained on her—which I doubt. Ah—that little red devil!" said Angel. "Formidable—eh?"

NEXT WEEK:

Charlie Chan

NEXT week Marten Cumberland, serial writer and dramatist, will tell how he met, on the other side of the world, a half-caste who had many of the attributes of the famous detective invented by Earl Derr Biggers.

Don't miss "I Met Charlie Chan!"

Don Gabriel had only one weakness. Though we often talked about the "flota inglesa," for the whole six weeks I was with him in such close contact I had perversely refused to pander to that weakness by saying what, I am sure, he was longing to hear me say. For he did so much admire the British Navy and the "Nelson touch." Only when I said good-bye to him in Palma off Majorca did I relent.

I looked at the little Red Captain who only wanted a peaked ginger beard and a flashing moustache to be Captain Kettle in the flesh, at his square-shouldered, narrow-hipped, neat figure, his brown aquiline face, lambent eyes, and the deep-sea cap cocked forward and tilted.

"Adios, Don Gabriel! Many thanks for many kindnesses," I said. "And now I say good-bye, perhaps I may mention something I have noticed about you many times. *How like—how very like—you are to our English admiral, Lord Beatty!*"

I am not at all weak-fisted myself, but he gripped my hand with such enthusiasm that the fingers still tingled when I reached the quay and waved to Don Gabriel on lower bridge.

Handicaps—School that Overcomes them

MIRACLE FOR MARGARET

MARGARET MARY was not like the other little girls at her Lambeth council school.

Her eyes seemed unnaturally large, her face unnaturally thin. She never seemed well.

Mother asked the school medical officer what was wrong. "If there was only something we could *do*, doctor."

He hadn't the courage to say that what was wrong was *poverty*. Yes, that was the trouble with Margaret Mary.

She was one of the country's tens of thousands of little victims of malnutrition. They can't all go to Fairfield—the school that builds bodies for little girls.

A word about Fairfield, since we are going to tell what it did for Margaret Mary.

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But to return to Margaret Mary. Her first look at Fairfield was a tired, listless one.

They weighed her. "She's got to gain another two stones," said the doctor.

They took her into the orchards. Real orchards. They gave her milk, frothed up and creamy.

Poor Margaret Mary held the bowl tightly, afraid of losing it.

They egged her on to play games, gave her a patch of garden, took her bird-nesting. Margaret Mary never took the eggs.

Food never ran out in this fairyland. Not even chocolate.

When Margaret Mary left she had gained a lot of that two stone.

Then Margaret Mary went home—to Lambeth. Yes, back to an overcrowded, underfed home.

Fairfield sent instructions to mother how she could eke the last ounce of health out of her housekeeping bag. It couldn't do more.

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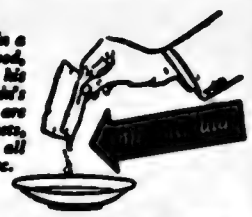

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HUMAN DOCUMENTS—BY PHILIP INMAN

"Humanist" this week faces the problems of young lovers of both sexes who, in confiding their doubts and troubles, ask for guidance

Too Ardent Lover

I HAVE been much impressed recently by the large number of letters sent to me from young folk of both sexes. They tell me of their love affairs, their business worries, their home conditions. Let us look at some of the problems they propound. One girl writes:—

I am in my early twenties, good-looking and very attractive to the opposite sex. I have many young men friends and have never had the least difficulty in annexing a male escort. Now, although I enjoy their company, I strongly resent any familiarities.

I was engaged to a very nice boy who thought an engagement carried with it all the privileges of marriage. For that reason it was broken off.

Now my present boy seems to be hinting at the same kind of thing. It has always been my intention to run straight, but do you think I am too prudish?

This girl is absolutely right in taking a firm stand and refusing such demands. And if her present boy really loves her, he will respect her courage and her ideals. If he does not, then he is unworthy to be regarded as a prospective husband.

In view of the hints he has made, I would advise this girl to have a straight talk with him.

If he expects her to give in to him, then he had better realise, first as last, that she does not intend to do so.

I hope he will prove to be as straight as she is. Then their engagement should be a very happy one, and when the marriage takes place neither will have anything to regret.

Now for a young man's love problem. He says:

I have been keeping company with a girl for a long time and I have become extremely fond of her. Our likes and dislikes are practically identical and we have never once quarrelled.

Sometimes, however, she tells me that she likes me and at other times she says that I had better look out for someone else. Recently we talked the matter over thoroughly and at length, and at the end she said quite frankly that she would never marry me. I am undecided whether I should break with her altogether or continue our association in the hope that she will eventually give me all her love.

This girl has accepted the attentions of my correspondent for a long time. He has told her that he is fond of her. And yet she has said frankly that she will never marry him. I think in fairness to him she should give her reasons. It may be that she is in love with someone else or that there are grounds why she can never marry. Then she should be frank and say so.

That will enable this young man to make up his own mind.

If he realises that she means what she says, then there is little use in his wasting his time further.

"They tell me of their love affairs"
A scene from the film "Westward Passage"

"Greatest of These"

DOROTHY is six years old. In her short life she has had pneumonia twice, spent three months in hospital with a bruised skull, broken her arm and had scarlet fever.

The troubles in Dorothy's family arise, as in many ex-Service men's families, through the war having damaged her dad's health. He has recently come out of hospital, and his doctor's certificate states that he has been suffering from nsurasthenia and gastric ulcer for the last five years.

Things are not much better with Dorothy's mother, who has been attending hospital for the last seven years for bronchitis and weak chest.

The brighter side to the picture of Dorothy's home is provided by her elder brother and sister, who are working and able to contribute a pound a week between them.

But the prospect of Christmas for her, and many of the wives of our unemployed, incapacitated ex-Service men, means watching other folk doing their Christmas shopping while they stand outside.

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THE THIEF

And now for the business worries of some young folk. A girl writes:

For some time I have suspected a girl with whom I work of taking articles from my department, and to-day I caught her in the act. I threatened to tell my employer, but she pleaded with me not to do so and said that she took them as a luxury for her widowed mother. She would not even promise to stop this practice.

What can I do? I shall be held responsible for any losses in my department, and yet I don't want to get her into serious trouble.

A firm line must be taken with that pilferer—and that for her own sake. If she does not stop stealing she will find herself in grave trouble. Then instead of helping her mother she will probably break her heart. My correspondent should warn her of these dangers.

She should say, "If you do not give me your word that you will stop this practice at once, I will myself write and tell your mother all about it." I hope that promise will be given and ke But if action of that kind does not su ceed, then my correspondent shou inform her employer.

My next correspondent writes:

For the past eight years I have be a 'bus conductor, but I don't want spend the best part of my life punchi tickets. I have saved a little money ex week and now have enough to start business of my own. This has alwa been my ambition, but naturally I do want to lose the money that has tak me years to save.

I thought of starting a snack-bar, b there seem to be more about now th are really needed. I am a single m and I should welcome your advice, a have such faith in it.

I don't want to curb this young ma desires. But it is right that I sho point out certain things to him. H says he does not want to lose the mon he has saved. Quite so. Nor should contemplate giving up a steady and p manent job unless he is sure he c make a success of a new venture. H own idea is to start a snack-bar.

Well, providing he can find a suitab pitch, it has its advantages. The outl is not heavy, the trade is for cash a a reasonable profit can be made. Befo he embarks on such a scheme, I adv him to do two things.

He should make it his business to c at a few snack-bars and by a lit tactful questioning he may pick up so useful information. Then he shou carefully select the right neighbourho where a steady all-the-year-round tra might be expected. Once satisfied these points, let him go ahead.

HOME TYRANTS

I find that many of my young reade resent the way parents try to rule th lives. Here is a typical illustration:

I am thinking of leaving home a going to live in a service flat, but befo doing so I would like your advice. I a an only daughter, twenty-three years o and earning £3 10s. a week. I have comfortable home, but my parents obj to my bringing any of my friends the The consequence is that I go to t homes of my friends, and in return invite them to the pictures and restau ants. That is an expensive way of ente taining and not nearly as pleasant.

Has this girl mentioned the prospe of leaving home to her parents? If s what is their reaction to it? I can think they would welcome it. Then th should be willing to meet her wish She is earning her own living and it only right that she should be able welcome her friends in return for th hospitality to her.

Let her tell her parents how strong she feels about it. Hers is a just r fair request and I hope they will gra it. If not, she will be justified in taki the step she mentions.

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Sleuths of the CUSTOMS

By Stanley Bishop

Ever seen a whisky still? Here's one the Customs sleuths managed to find although it was hidden 1,300 feet up the Welsh mountains

UNDER the wing of the Royal Mint—where the money is made—is a flat-faced office building—where the money is saved.

Name on the gate, "Mint Residences," although nobody lives there. It is a depressing-looking place, of few windows, an alley-way entrance, and a dull-lighted hall where the inevitable messenger keeps guard in a glass cubby-hole.

In this building is the most retiring of all Government Departments—the Inquiry Office of the Customs and Excise.

This office hides its light most effectively. It hates publicity, and prefers to remain anonymous. Why I cannot understand, because if any branch of the Government service deserves a good Press, it is "I.O." of Customs and Excise

Work of the Inquiry Office is to catch the dodgers; the people who scheme to evade taxes and duties of State revenue.

Customs and Excise income is something more than three hundred million pounds a year. And the men of the Inquiry Office, Customs and Excise, are the guardians of all that money. They stop the holes through which there may be leakage.

Members of the staff are civil servants, who have become specialised detectives.

One can measure their value from the fact that, last year, there were 2,896 prosecutions for Customs and Excise offences. Seizures of property, over which there was illegality of some kind, numbered 7,652. Thousands of pounds of unpaid duty were recovered.

In the course of my work as a newspaper man I have met the officers of "I.O.," seen what they do, and listened to stories of their experiences. They will probably be angry at what I intend to write, because modesty is their characteristic, and secrecy their chief desire. All the same, I think they deserve adequate notice.

Now, therefore, I move to cases and adventures

Racing was the livelihood of this picturesque downland village. Hardly a house which did not draw wages from the training stables lying under the hill.

Even the women and children knew all about the horses under training; their pedigree and quality. The one local inn absorbed the gossip of the stable lads.

Strangers came to the inn and tried to be friendly. Mostly they were big men, wearing big caps, and driving big cars. They would buy drinks for the villagers and sit in the bar parlour with ears cocked for any information which might be passing. These visitors were the racing touts.

But the little man with glasses and a retiring manner lately frequenting the inn was out of the picture. He was not the racing type at all.

His conversation emphasised his apparent ignorance of horses and courses. The lads were rather amused at the questions he asked.

After a week of casual visits to the inn the little man marched up to the training stables for a long interview with the owner. Then all the mystery about him was cleared.

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He was a Customs and Excise detective, collecting information about horses brought into this country from the Irish Free State on false value declarations.

If this can be done successfully it is a profitable deal for the importer. A horse arrives from Ireland, and is described as "a hunter," value, say, £200. On that value duty must be paid. But horses—which are actually racing stock, worth thousands of guineas—may be called hunters, and thus de-valued for duty purposes.

Police court proceedings have been taken on this kind of allegation. The relative evidence is always collected by the detectives of the Customs Inquiry.

There was a prosecution over Royal Ransom, the famous Irish horse, entered as a candidate for the Grand National. Three horses were imported from Ireland, and their value assessed for duty at £500. One was Royal Ransom, worth £5,000. On him alone a duty of £2,000 should have been paid. Actually the duty paid on the three horses was £200.

Neither the owner nor the trainer of Royal Ransom knew what had happened, but Customs Inquiry heard, and one of the men from Mint Residences trailed the business down. The full duty on Royal Ransom was ultimately recovered, together with a fine of £1,000 against the person held to be responsible.

A most intricate investigation was carried through before the solicitor to the Customs department was supplied with evidence on which summonses could be issued. There were journeys to Ireland and visits to various racing stables in England before the case was ended.

The man who did all the work treated the job as a matter of routine. It did not matter to him whether he was after a racehorse, or an importer of obscene literature. He took his orders, went out and came back with a dossier complete in every detail.

To give an idea of the "varied interest" of this amazingly efficient detective branch, I cannot do better than quote a few of the outlandish things the officers may be required to do.

If there is reason to believe that a parrot or musk rat has been smuggled into the country, they must find bird or rodent on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Because parrots and musk rats are on the forbidden list. They may have to trace the circulation of advertisements of foreign lotteries, and foreign reprints of copyright works. They must prevent the import of improper pictures, fictitious stamps, of prepared opium, hashish, and morphine.

All those duties are incidental to the bigger tasks; stopping smuggling, bootlegging, and deliberate Customs frauds.

Whenever there is the slightest reason to suppose that Customs and Excise have been evaded in any way and in any part of the country, the office at Mint Residences gets really brisk.

Much of the information on which the detectives operate comes from well-organised underground intelligence. The office has a number of trusted, secret agents in all grades of occupation and society.

By mysterious channels news reaches the "Chief," who sits in his small, unpretentious room, and tells the "boys" to get about things.

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Agents are known by numbers and initials not by names. Telephone rings in a room at Mint Residences, and the voice at the other end of the line says "Worth while to find out where the landlord of the Royal Arms at —— is getting his spirits. There is also a house in the High Street which might be watched."

Off go two officers to the named town, and begin a search campaign. They take lodgings in the district, wander about; make friends; patronise the Royal Arms, and one night they are ready to raid.

The suspect house in High Street is entered under authority of a search warrant. There discovery is made of a complete illicit still.

Far more of this manufacture of bootleg spirit goes on than the public ever imagine. The West Riding of Yorkshire and the North-East Coast are the main centres of the traffic. London, for the time being is more or less free of the spirit maker.

It was in Yorkshire that "I.O." Customs and Excise, discovered, at a small village, a most elaborate and efficient bootleg factory—the best yet known, capable of turning out hundr of gallons of spirit a week.

There was a London case of the sa kind, where the officers kept observat for weeks on a derelict warehouse. T saw a man arrive at night, and sig with an electric flashlight at the sh tered windows. The man disappea and afterwards came out carrying large stone jars.

Next day the officers entered searched the warehouse but discove nothing. Yet at night the man ca back again, used his light code sig was admitted, and departed with anc two large stone jars.

Following night the detectives—ha memorised the code—did the flash-la business. They found the door of warehouse unlatched for them. entering they saw a light shining beh a trap in a side wall. This was a hid entrance to the adjoining prem Pushing through they found a still a quantity of freshly-made spirit, eno to provide a normal public house w whisky for a week.

By something of an accident a plan distribute information for making ho liquor was prevented.

A man in the Inquiry Office wan to buy a canary. He purchased a wee journal which devotes its space to sm sale and exchange advertisements.

Reading through the columns noticed an announcement: "Scott

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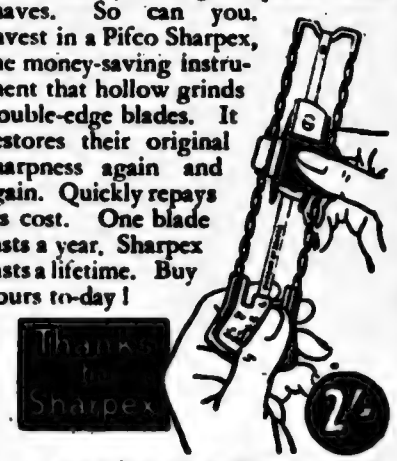

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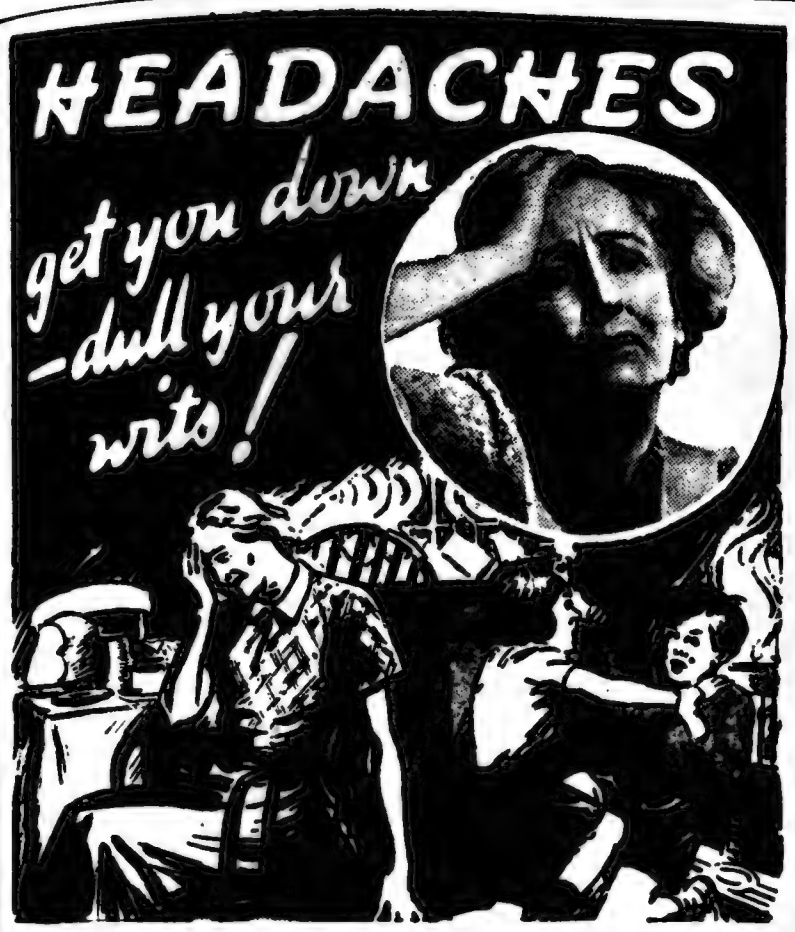

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Continuing

Sleuths of the Customs

distiller gives particulars for producing pure spirit; genuine formula."

Obviously something that needed research. Who was this "Scottish distiller" living in Essex and ready to broadcast the way to whisky-making?

Discreet enquiries, first into the identity of the "distiller." He, it appeared, was an old "friend" of the department, convicted some years previously for having in his possession an illicit still.

Search was made at his house, and his mailing list was seized. Then ensued the most thorough comb-out of the whole country.

A call was paid on every person who answered the advertisement, and their houses were searched. Scores of these searches were made, and in a number of instances stills were found which had been producing spirit—either for home consumption or for re-sale without payment of duty.

Many of the people who turned through this advertisement to spirit manufacture were acting in innocence. They had no idea they were doing anything against the law.

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In that connection, I would emphasise this point as a general warning: It is illegal—and subject to heavy penalty—to have any apparatus capable of being used for distillation, *without official licence*. Even the distillation of pure water is forbidden *without licence*.

Obvious need for the enforcement of this regulation, because a water still can be used for the distillation of spirit. The process is fairly easy—ingredients of sugar, potatoes, water, with the necessary apparatus, and spirit can be made.

Risks are great—the "I.O." sleuths are sure to make a capture in the end—but the profits are high. Spirit can be produced at a cost of 2s. 6d. a gallon. Provided a club proprietor or dishonest publican will take the stuff for doctoring and re-sale to customers, the illicit distiller will do famously, *but for a short time only*.

Without giving anything away, I can disclose that another ambitious but ill-considered scheme for "bootlegging" in the North of England is likely to have the inevitable police court sequel. By the activities of Customs and Excise detectives the source has been located. The principal is working through advertisements, which give no idea as to his real intentions.

Regarding ordinary smuggling, the office at Mint Residences is consulted when goods are actually *in the country*. The first protection is the Water Guard, and the regular preventive officers at the ports. There is also a mobile section of the Water Guard—a form of "Flying Squad"—which is shifted to any coastal area where extra observation and patrol is essential.

Only when the smugglers have landed their goods does Inquiry Office get busy.

Then they must trace the stuff and convict the smugglers. And how successfully they manage it the records prove.

Not long ago, through their "intelligence," the office learned that a publican in a south country town might be worthy of attention. Nothing more than a small hint.

For weeks the Civil Service clerk detectives were hunting. With infinite difficulty they gathered the lines. They learned that whisky, purchased in Calais and Ostend at 3s. 9d. a bottle, was being run by a motor yacht and landed at small harbours on the Essex and Hampshire coasts, re-sold at 7s. a bottle.

All those who took part in this attempt to defeat the revenue were eventually convicted.

An important side of Customs enquiry work of a less picturesque but equally arduous kind is that concerned with tracing false invoices on imported goods.

Every now and then an importer of no repute imagines he has a good idea. "I have," he reasons with himself, "to pay import duty, on the goods I am buying, according to their value. What is to prevent me from declaring a fictitiously low value and preparing faked invoices? It is easy money."

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So he begins with this dishonesty against the Customs, and carries on for a while. He congratulates himself—a way to quick fortune.

What he does not realise is the complicated, infallible cross-checking of import values conducted at the Custom House in London. Not long before a message is sent to Mint Residences, something to this effect: "Messrs. A. B. and Company, of Bristol (or it may be of Hull, or Liverpool, or London), might repay a visit."

Instructions issued by the "Chief." Next morning the principal of the firm, who thinks himself rather a clever fellow, receives a call from a stranger.

"There is an officer from the Customs and Excise Inquiry Office to see you, sir," intimates his secretary.

Books are demanded, and must be shown. The detective has become a chartered accountant for the period of the job. He runs through ledgers and files, making his notes, until he has secured a complete revelation of the alleged fraud.

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And when that is all finished, the detective-chartered accountant, reporting back to headquarters, is quite likely to be turned loose to ascertain if a factory in North London is making up cinema tobacco sweepings into cigarettes without a licence, or someone else has been selling old playing-cards and not paying a duty stamp.

All these problems—and a hundred others—come as the daily routine to the men in the strange, old-fashioned office of Mint Residences—where the money is saved—next door to the Royal Mint—where the money is made.

Next Week:
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The burglary was of a very conventional type—a broken door panel, a hand groping through the hole, and then the turning of the lock.

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May *seem* a gifted actor;
But is his fervour real or art?
The lady playing Juliet's part
Is the deciding factor!

So do not let your little lamb
Seek histrionic kisses!
If he in love scenes would engage,
Then "Mon Repos" should be his stage,
His Juliet, the missus!

From a lady, convinced that amateur dramatic societies exist for unattached females with designs upon other women's property, comes the above.

She is not alone in thinking that, where amateur acting is concerned, charity covers a multitude of sins and pitfalls.

The Fairfield (Manchester) Moravian Dramatic Society is short of men for its new season, and amateur organisations generally complain of the scarcity of actors—due, it is suggested, to wives and sweethearts refusing to allow their male belongings to take up such a dangerous hobby.

As an occasional observer from the stalls, it seems to me that the average stage vamp is too busy trying to steal a bit more than her share of the limelight to have much energy left for stealing somebody's husband or boy friend.

Can it be that when Muddleford Thespian Society gives a performance excited females, who have never enjoyed the ecstasy of tearing a button from Bob Taylor's coat, crowd the stage-door to assail the cashier of the local bank with demands for smiles and kisses?

Whether these perils really do await the much-married cashier and the young gent. from the grocery store I cannot say. But I don't doubt that such dangers seem real enough to womenfolk with vested interests in these temporary Taylors.

Yes, he's broad in the beam
And his suit is all wrong,
And his paunch is a scream,
And a whole comic song
Could be built on his tie, never tidy or level;
But yet the old codger is *somebody's* devil!

Though he's bald on the pate,
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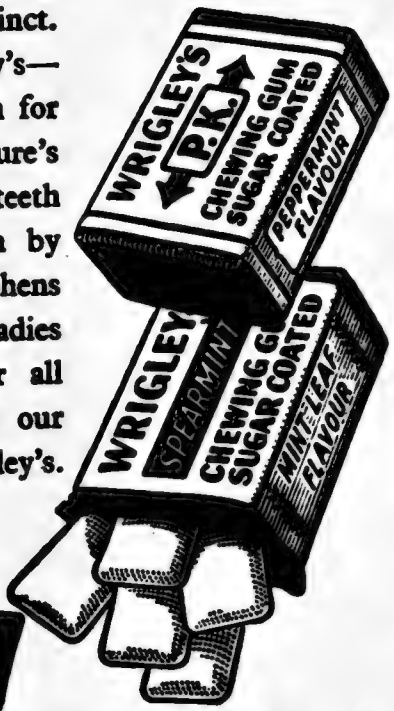

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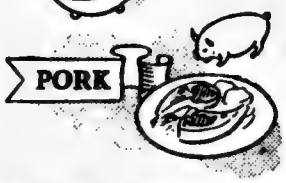

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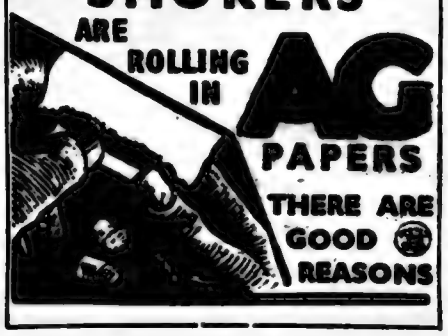
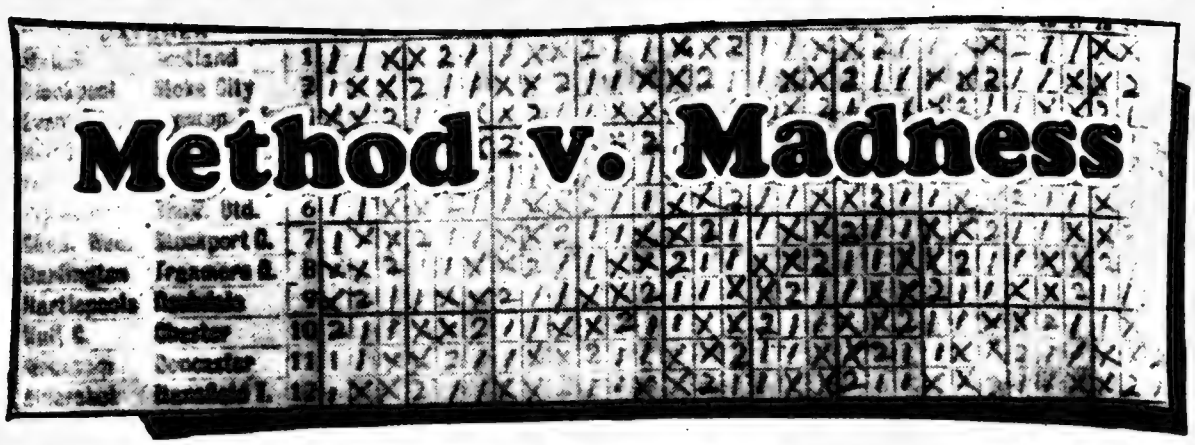


Truth about the Pools—2

by Poolex



You'll be surprised to learn how many of the football pools' 6,000,000 investors rely on hit-or-miss entries. But our expert's got a plan—and here he describes it

IF you want to know how mad the world really is, talk to some of the football pool enthusiasts you meet.

A vast proportion of the six millions who send coupons away every week rely on blind selection analogous to closing your eyes and stabbing away with a pin.

And yet thousands of lines are sent in each week which bear no relation to the probabilities.

What utter insanity!

Many other punters start on some unsound basis, and then fly to the other extreme when success does not come.

The man who is a keen student of football "form," for instance. Let down week after week by his own knowledge, he makes up his mind that the whole business is one terrific gamble and decides in future to choose haphazardly, and so make a 100 per cent. gamble of his own entry.

The same with another type of form fanatic—the man who accepts every published forecast with a childlike faith.

It dawns on him in the end that there wouldn't be a very fat share for any pool entrant if any popular forecast ever did win. So he as well resorts to 100 per cent. gambling.

And so we would have more and more of that expectant six millions relying on luck and fewer and still fewer on skill—which would make pools just as bad as they are painted by their bitterest opponents—if it were not for another process that is at work.

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The process I mean is another stage in the evolution of millions of pool "fans"—the stage that sets them searching for some systematic style of entry that gives them a better chance of winning.

They look for a *system*. What a magic word that has become in sport of to-day.

Unfortunately for them, a great deal of rubbish has been written about systems. Fantastic claims of success and absurdly expensive methods are all too common.

Many are the people who, quite prepared to lose in shillings because of the interest they get in Saturday's football by participating in a pool, are tempted to risk pounds by adopting a "guaranteed (?)" system.

The best advice I can give—and it is advice that nobody can better—is: Avoid like the plague any system that is purported to make you *bound* to win. Be proportionately suspicious of any system for which wildly extravagant claims are made.

The only certainty in football pools is the certainty that there is no royal road to success.

Yet I am going to suggest a system. And I am going to make no extravagant claims for it. In fact, one of its chief virtues is that the chances of succeeding with it will be plainly stated throughout, so that you can always decide for yourself whether it is worth trying or not.

Although I intend to show how it may be applied to all the varying types of pools in turn, I shall begin this week with the results penny pool.

Now, the results pool, as you probably know, is one in which you are expected to forecast the results—win, lose or draw—of a list of games *chosen in the main because of the difficulties they present*.

Read those italicised words of mine through again. It is there that the "form" fanatic comes unstuck.

Different pools promoters offer you lists varying in length. But, as I told you last week, there are 531,441 different ways of forecasting the results of twelve football matches, and it is with the twelve-match results pool that I am going to deal this week.

Now, you have neither the money nor the time to send in 531,441 pennies, have you? I hope you will never send away more than you can lose without missing.

How, then, to cover as many eventualities as possible on whatever sum of money you are well able to afford? It is there that I want to help you, and, believe me, I would think it ethically wrong to encourage you to risk more than that.

I want you, first, to work out the probable results. I'll tell you how.

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You know, of course, that more teams are always likely to win at home than away. Well, always bearing this in mind, write down the match most likely to be won by the home team. Follow this on your list by the match next most likely to be won by the home team. Keep on doing this until, at the bottom, you have the match least likely to be won by the home team.

I am going to call this the Home Strength List. I am going to rely on you remembering how I told you to work it out, because I shall be referring to it when, in subsequent issues, I tell you how to adapt my system to different kinds of pools.

I would say here that these matches are already graded for you in the Graded Guide on page 38. If you would prefer to make your own list—and why not?—here is another method that enables the pool novice to use the combined skill of many expert forecasters.

Take the popular vote of the football experts in as many newspapers and periodicals that you can find, and make your Home Strength List up accordingly. Some papers summarise the votes of the different experts for you.

Now let us see how the Home Strength List can be used.

Take the first three matches on that list and forecast them as home wins on your football coupon. Anybody who has entered a pool knows that you mark a home win with the figure 1.

Don't run away with the idea that these are certainties. They are what are known as "bankers," because you bank on one result only in these matches—in other words, they are the most likely home winners on the list.

X X X

I promised you actual details of your chances throughout. Very well, then. A banker turns up, on average six times out of ten. The chances of getting all three correct are about one in five.

Does that frighten you? It won't if you remember that these are very tiny odds when you are speaking of football pools.

Now turn to the last three matches on your Home Strength List. Don't go and bank on the three home teams to lose as you banked on the three other home teams to win.

It is harder to name away winners than home winners. Therefore, we are going to use two-way forecasts for those three last matches on the Home Strength List. We are going to predict a draw and an away win for each.

But it isn't enough to put "X" (for a draw) and "2" (for an away win) next to each of those three games. That would only be the case if you were betting separately on the result of each game.

We have got to cover those three matches *in combination* with each other. And it is going to take eight penny lines on your coupon to do that and be sure that at least one of your

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Race with "Silver Ring"

National Winner?

THE Grand Sefton is termed a rehearsal for the Grand National, but I prefer the Becher 'Chase. It was the latter event which induced me to go for Royal Mail months before the big event.

This year's Becher winner, Airgead Sios, is another likely type for the Grand National. He was, of course, bred in Ireland, whence have come at least 50 per cent. of the big winners at Liverpool.

Weathervane remains the selection for the Derby Cup, and Idaho looks to have a good chance in the Finale Handicap at Lingfield Park.

"SILVER RING'S" CODE.

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, November 18, to Wednesday, November 24.

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D. D. D. PRESCRIPTION

Method v. Madness

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lines is going to be correct (if there is no home win).

This is how you mark up those last three matches in your list:—

Match 10..	x 2 x 2	x 2 x 2
Match 11..	x x 2 2	x x 2 2
Match 12..	x x x x	2 2 2 2

You see what that marking does? It is known as "permutation," by the way. It covers every possibility as long as there is no home win.

The chances of getting one of those eight lines right, bearing in mind the possibility of a home win, are 8 in 27, or roughly 1 in 3½.

The first three and last three matches dealt with, we are now left with the problem of the middle six—*i.e.*, matches Nos. 4 to 9 in the Home Strength List. How obvious it is that no single forecast can be chosen for any of these with safety.

To permute those six matches to make sure that one line was correct would entail filling in 729 lines—in other words, spending 729 pennies.

You might say: "But I can well afford 729 pennies to win a fortune." But always remember that this will only ensure six correct results, and still you have to combine them with the other six.

What we can do is to reduce this number of lines and still have a reasonable chance. I'll tell you how.

We are going to select certain lines from the 729 so that we can make sure that, whatever the result of the six matches may be, there will be at least one forecast of those six results that cannot contain more than two errors.

X X X

An all-correct line is still possible—but, naturally, no winning line can be ensured.

This "reduced permutation," as it is called, can be made up in a variety of ways, some methods calling for a bigger expenditure than others.

I haven't chosen the very cheapest method, but I consider that the few extra lines called for by my system immensely increase the chances of getting a "win."

We start by dividing the six games into groups of three and dealing with both groups in the same way. Let us start with our first group:

By using five lines we can ensure that we will have two correct results out of those three matches, with the possibility of an all-correct line, thus:—

Match 4.....	1 1 x x 2
Match 5.....	1 x 1 x 2
Match 6.....	2 1 1 2 x

Let me explain what we have done as regards affecting the chances of your winning.

If you try to forecast the result of three matches in five lines, the odds are 22 to 5 against your being able to do so. In the ordinary way, that is.

But, by using the above lines, containing combinations of results that are more likely to occur, the chances are improved to 3 to 1 against.

Now we turn to Matches 7, 8 and 9. You haven't forgotten, I hope, that these are lower down in your Home Strength List, and therefore the matches are less likely to result in home wins.

Naturally, then, you will expect lines with more "2's" and fewer "1's," and so our five lines are:—

Match 7.....	2 2 x x 1
Match 8.....	2 x 2 x 1
Match 9.....	1 2 2 1 x

Again you have guaranteed two right out of three in at least one line.

If this group is combined in every possible way with the forecasts covering matches 4 to 6, we shall be sure of getting four right out of the six, at least.

By doing this, the odds against us having those six middle matches right in any one line would be 15 to 1 against. The chances of having five out of six right would be, roughly, 3 to 1 against.

Worth trying for? Well, it calls for twenty-five lines, and here is how the two groups are combined:

		Match 4:		
11xx2	11xx2	11xx2	11xx2	11xx2
		Match 5:		
1x1x2	1x1x2	1x1x2	1x1x2	1x1x2
		Match 6:		
2112x	2112x	2112x	2112x	2112x
		Match 7:		
22222	22222	xxxxx	xxxxx	11111
		Match 8:		
22222	xxxxx	22222	xxxxx	11111
		Match 9:		
11111	22222	22222	11111	xxxxx

And now to assemble our forecasts for the first three matches, the last three matches and the middle six, into one table.

Our middle section calls for twenty-five lines. We will therefore extend our upper and lower sections to this length without spending a penny more.

If the best forecasts in each of the three sections could fall into one column, that would be ideal. But there is obviously no way of ensuring that without a huge entry. As there must be a large element of luck involved, I leave that part of it to individual taste.

But let me mention my personal preference. The three most common combinations of results in any twelve matches are: (1) Six homes, three draws, three aways; (2) five homes, two draws, five aways; and (3) four homes, three draws and five aways.

I think it is better to be influenced by that in the task of assembling. That would mean dovetailing the three groups together, so that the number of home wins, draws and away wins in each line approximated as far as possible to those average results.

With average luck in assembling the entry, I estimate the odds against an all-correct line as 1,900 to 1. One error is a 200 to 1 chance, and the chances against having a line with ten right are about 50 to 1.

X X X

If you think these odds are big, remember that twenty-five haphazard lines would have odds of over 21,000 against them.

It remains to be added that, although I have explained my system on the basis of a twelve-results penny pool, it can quite easily be adapted to a ten-results, fourteen-results, or any other.

Take a ten-results pool, for instance. It would be easy to deal with the first two matches on your Home Strength List as home bankers, the last two as two-way forecasts on the lines mentioned, and then treat the middle group of six as I have described already.

For a fourteen results pool, you could treat the first four matches as home bankers, the last four as two-way forecasts for a draw or away win, and again deal separately with the middle six.

But don't use this method for pontoon pools. They should be approached from a different angle. I will tell you what to do about them next week.

Next Week

"Penny Points" Points

Nurse-of-all-Work

By One of Them

EVERY month or so you will read in the newspapers how a district nurse has been sacked and the neighbourhood is clamouring to keep her.

It is a great pity that the work of healing should go on in an atmosphere of noisy quarrelling—but it is inevitable under the present system.

It will not end until the employment of district nurses is taken out of the hands of local committees which all too often have no knowledge of nursing and its problems.

Until recently I was employed as nurse in a district that need not be named. I lived for mothers and babies. I never lost one of them.

Then one morning I awoke to find my resignation announced in the local newspapers.

The local committee admitted at once that they were responsible. They said I was a very good nurse, but, beyond that, nothing.

Inefficient? They admitted that I wasn't that. I was one of the first sisters called up to endure the horrors and privations of war service.

Lazy? I gave every hour and could not do more than that. Often I sat without food and fire so that I could help needy patients.

The committee could only say: "When we say a nurse is leaving she *is* leaving."

In that sentence is summed up the troubles of many district nurses.

Their lives, their destinies, depend too often on busybodies, hunters of the limelight, hobby-hunters.

In bettering the lot of the hospital nurse, which, please God, we shall do soon, don't let us forget her sister of the pedal bicycle.

Graded Football Guide

By Poolex (copyright)

Below are the games to be played on Saturday, November 20, not in the customary categories of League Divisions, but specially arranged to form a Graded Guide to the likely results of these matches. Six performances of each team have been assessed by awarding points for each performance on its merits.

Thus, the likeliest Home Winners to choose from are at the top of the first list. To pick likely Away Winners make your choice from those at the end of the second list.

POINTS IN FAVOUR OF HOME TEAM.

84 Rangers v. Morton.	35 Cardiff v. Swindon.	15 Dundee U. v. E. Stirling.
67 Tranmere v. Barrow.	34 Brad. C. v. Hartlepools.	14 Barnsley v. Swansea.
66 Coventry v. Sheff. W.	31 Charlton v. Arsenal.	13 Burnley v. Southampton.
56 Stockport v. Norwich.	30 Newcastle v. Plymouth.	12 Notts F. v. Fulham.
53 Preston v. Blackpool.	26 Luton v. Chesterfield.	11 Rochdale v. N. Brighton.
48 Chelsea v. Man. C.	23 Cowdenbeath v. Brechin.	10 Liverpool v. Hudd'sfield.
47 Motherwell v. Partick.	22 Spurs v. West Ham.	9 Brighton v. Gillingham.
45 Hearts v. Queen of S.	20 Edinburgh v. Alloa.	7 Bristol R. v. Reading.
41 Raith v. St. Bernards.	18 Middlesbro v. Leicester.	5 Sheff. Un. v. Bradford.
38 Arbroath v. Kilmarnock.	17 St. J'nst'ne v. St. Mirren.	3 Northampton v. Millwall.
37 Third Lanark v. Dundee.	16 Torquay v. Notts C.	1 Bury v. Blackburn.

POINTS IN FAVOUR OF AWAY TEAM.

Queen's P.R. v. Watford. 3	Carlisle v. Port Vale. 19	Clyde v. Queen's Park. 36
Doncaster v. Hull. 4	Perfar v. Stenh'smuir. 19	Bournemouth v. Exeter. 37
Southend v. Bristol C. 7	Clapton O. v. Newport. 20	Rotherham v. Gateshead. 38
Stoke v. Sunderland. 8	Airdrie v. East Fife. 22	Mansfield v. Crystal P. 39
King's Park v. Albion R. 11	Accr'ngt'n v. Darlington. 24	York v. Wrexham. 40
Falkirk v. Hibernian. 12	Leeds v. Bolton. 25	Leith v. Dunfermline. 41
Halifax v. Crewe. 14	Chester v. Oldham. 28	Portsmouth v. Derby. 43
Grimsby v. Brentford. 15	Birmingham v. Wolves. 29	Hamilton v. Aberdeen. 58
Man Un. v. Aston V. 16	W.B.A. v. Everton. 30	Walsall v. Aldershot. 61
Dumbarton v. Montrose. 17	Southport v. Lincoln. 32	Ayr v. Celtic. 70

STOMACH PAINS

ARE DANGER SIGNALS

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Readers' Own Stories

I was in the car with the man's hand over my mouth

Kidnapped —by Mistake!

by JULIA HOWARD

Conrad Phillips is visiting registered readers in their homes and retelling their big thrill. £5 5s. is paid for each story published. This week's story is from Registered Reader No. 314987, Julia Howard, 38, Onslow Square, South Kensington.

SEVERAL years ago, when I was working at Victoria, I encountered an experience that has always remained in my memory. It began one sunny Spring afternoon. It was my day off, and I was on my way to the pictures.

As I left the house at which I worked as a nursemaid, I saw a long saloon car a little way up the street. What attracted my attention first was a man lounging up against some railings opposite the car. He was a tall, dark man of about forty, with a sallow complexion. By the way he stared, I sensed that he was unusually interested in me.

The house where I worked was situated in a large square which during the afternoons was usually deserted. It was the same on this particular day. The only people about were two women some fifty yards ahead of me and the man by the car.

As I drew level with him he stepped out in front of me.

"Hello, Betty!" he said, smiling. I paused and then stepped back.

"I'm afraid, you have made a mistake," I told him. "My name is not Betty, and I've never met you before in my life."

No sooner had I said that than I was confronted by another man who stepped from the car.

He was much shorter than the other man. He had a round face and a pair of shifty eyes.

"Excuse me," he said. "My name is Harvey. You remember me? Ted wants to see you."

"I'm sorry," I repeated, "but I do not know you nor do I know anybody by the name of Ted."

The men exchanged glances.

"I don't think we are mistaken," he said after a pause.

"Perhaps," I added, "you will tell me what you want. Then I might convince you that you are wrong. But please be quick as I have an appointment."

"As a matter of fact," the tall man said, "we are police officers. You answer the description of a girl by the name of Betty Clayton. What we want you to do is to come along with us to Hampstead police station to see a colleague of yours, Ted Browning."

"I tell you," I insisted, "that my name is not Betty Clayton. If you don't believe me, come back to where I work. The housekeeper will tell you that my name is Howard."

"Where do you work, then?" the man with the sallow complexion asked.

"At number forty-two," I told them.

"Where's that photo?" the short man asked his friend.

"It's in my coat—in the car," he replied. He looked at me. "We'll soon settle this," he added. "Would you mind coming over to the car and see if you recognise the photo of Ted?"

Not suspecting anything, I went over. The man got in the car and picked up an overcoat that was lying on the back seat. I stood close by the door. The other man was behind me.

"Do you recognise this?" he asked, handing me a photograph.

Just as I was about to take it I felt myself being pushed forward, and the next thing I knew, I was in the car with the man's hand over my mouth. While I was struggling to free myself, the blind of the car was pulled down. Then they drove me away at a high speed.

"You thought you were getting away with something, didn't you?" the man who held me said. "So you don't know Ted—you little double-crosser. What about that job in Berkeley Square? You don't remember that, I suppose?"

What he said was Greek to me. He uncovered my mouth. I was too exhausted to attempt to escape. Had I done so it would have been futile, anyway. I was, needless to say, terrified. When I'd gathered my wits I elected to keep calm, for nothing could be gained by screaming or acting hysterically.

From subsequent conversation I learned that I was supposed to be a woman named Clayton who had acted on the "inside" for a gang of crooks. Apparently, this woman had double-crossed the gang a year or so before. The man Ted had seen me walking in the street the night before, had followed me in his car and had sent these men to pick me up.

"Did you know this woman?" I asked the man.

"You know very well," he answered, "that I have never seen you before."

"I know that," I said. "You've made a mistake."

"Oh no, I haven't," he rejoined. "You live at forty-two, don't you?"

"Yes," I said.

"You haven't got a twin sister living there, have you?" he asked with a grin.

I told him I had no sister living with me.

"Well, I ain't made a mistake, then."

"Probably the man who saw me did," I suggested. "Why didn't he come along?"

The man laughed.

"If you had servants," he said, "would you scrub your own floors?"

I felt easier now. If the men were telling the truth I had nothing to fear. When their chief or whoever he was saw me, he would, I hoped, see his mistake and release me. The only thing that worried me was whether they were lying, and if they were what sinister object had they for kidnapping me.

The car stopped, and as it did so the men warned me that if I attempted what they called "any funny business" it would be bad for me.

We entered a house and they led me down a long, dark corridor to a room at the back that overlooked some trees and a lawn. In this room were four other men who sat around a table playing cards. As I came in they stopped playing. The man in the middle was tall and dark, with regular, handsome features. As soon as I saw him I felt instinctively that I was safe. Coming over to me, he peered curiously into my face.

"No," he said, decisively. "It's not her—but what a likeness! She's the spit image of Betty." He turned to me, smiling. "I'm terribly sorry," he added in a charming manner. "I've made a mistake. You are not the girl I want to see." And then: "Have you been put to much inconvenience?"

"I've been assaulted," I said indignantly. "You'll hear more of this. You mark my words."

"Did they handle you roughly?" he asked.

I told him what had happened. He turned quickly round to the men who had brought me there.

"How dare you handle this charming girl like that?" he snapped.

After this he made the men apologise to me.

"Is there any way I can repair the indignity and pain you must have suffered, miss?" he asked.

He was so nice that I decided not to go to the police. If I did, nothing much would be gained. A genuine mistake had been made.

"The only thing I ask," I said, "is to be driven back to Victoria."

"Certainly," he said. As I was getting into the car he said: "You won't embarrass me by going to the police, will you?"

"No," I said.

Had the man Ted not been so charming about it all, I might have done.

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By Dr. F. B. Scott, M.D., Paris

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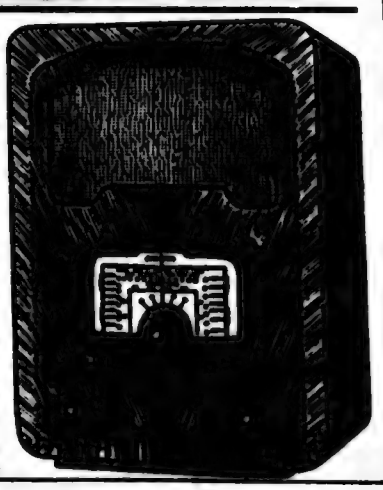

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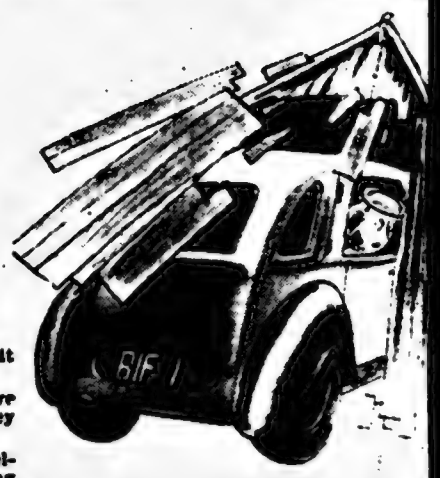

C. K. (*Diss*).—"*A woman will ha[ve] out of anything.*" *We know. We've seen 'em!*

MANAGER (Rotherham).—"Don't y[ou] think I ought to speak to him about h[is] lack of punctuality." It's about time

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E. D. (Balham).—"When you grow up you realise that you have got to be your own Father Christmas." And when you turn to pages 46 and 47, you'll realise how to do it.

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(Many replies unavoidably held over)

Side-Slips

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THE BIDEFORD AND NORTH DEVON WEEKLY:—"A keen supporter of competitive golf, ——, ANTICIPATED in all the contests."

THE GLASGOW BULLETIN:—". . . has had to have his leg enclosed in iron splints, and this leg is now shorter than the OTHERS."

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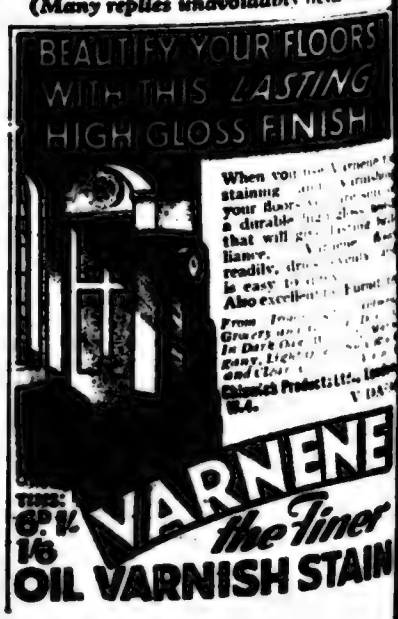

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WIN A FEAST FOR DECEMBER 25
86

CLUES ACROSS

1. Bad one will probably mean loss of profit to florist
4. Often directs people wrongly
7. Be ill
8. Housewife finds it much easier to shop when stores are this
11. Go astray
12. One knows whether to take mackintosh for day if morning's weather is this
14. Thirsty
17. Intention
19. Usually open
21. Twenty-four hours make one
23. Hen lays this
25. May be a cheap one which keeps going on rubbish
26. Form words with the proper letters
29. Ends faith
31. Angry schoolmaster is likely to do this when he catches truants
33. Climbers usually get this on high mountain ranges
34. One is usually a valuable asset to shipping company
35. Smugglers sometimes use, to avoid Customs officers

CLUES DOWN

1. Cartoonist frequently illustrates an ugly one
2. Cut open
3. People are likely to object when grocer puts this in sugar
5. Melody
6. Capital of France
9. In centre of sleigh
10. There's usually something sad about the fall of this
13. Begins timidly
15. Artist doesn't find it easy to get this of landscape
16. Sometimes part of set
18. It's sometimes difficult to swallow all there is in one
20. Exclamation in Soho
22. Large monkey
24. Sometimes leads to one being scratched
25. A small one very often helps photographer to get better view
27. It's sometimes difficult to make a clean break with
28. Plunder
30. Attacks are sometimes made on this
31. Bit of fire in street
32. Common to bear and jaguar

ADDRESS ENTRY: CROSSWORD No. 86, "JOHN BULL," 57, LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2. (Comp.)

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY

1.—Complete puzzle in ordinary ink, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole Entry Form whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry-fee for one coupon (two squares) is SIXPENCE. For two coupons (four squares) send ONE SHILLING. For three coupons (six squares) send ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE. For four coupons (eight squares) send TWO SHILLINGS. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it /& Co./; write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O., and fill in the number upon Entry Form. Entry Form to be posted as directed (not delivered by hand), to reach us not later than Saturday, November 27.

2.—In addition to four sixpenny Entry Forms from "John Bull," each entrant may submit FOUR EXTRA SIXPENNY ENTRY FORMS, provided these are taken from "John Bull's" free weekly "Crossword Gazette," or any other announcement of this Competition. Thus each entrant is limited to 8 Entry Forms (16 squares in all) and Entry-fee of 4s.

Should any single letter square be left blank, contain a letter which is not clear, or altered, or not given in ink, the corresponding properly indicated letter on adjoining Entry-square will be regarded as Entrant's intended letter for both Entry-squares. If entrant's answer cannot be so decided, or such flaws occur in more than one letter square, Entry-square concerned will be disqualified, as will any mutilated coupon.

No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered, or misaid and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winner and winning Puzzle Square will appear in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, December 9. Should any competitor not announced as a winner believe that he entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize he must demand a scrutiny by first post, Tuesday, December 14, in accordance with the directions given with result and enclosing £1 Scrutiny Fee. Any such scrutiny which may amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the Runners-up Prize or Surprise Awards. Accordingly, entries are accepted only on condition that the result of our double adjudication establishing these winners is regarded as final. Merit is established according to the total number of Answers to Clues, both Across and Down, which agree with the winning Puzzle Square.

4.—Should the First Prize be shared, £750 Cash will be paid instead of the Three-in-one Award.

5.—Failure to comply with any of the Rules and Conditions involves disqualification.

6.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not eligible to compete.

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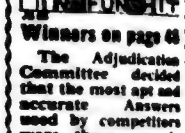

Winners on page 43

The Adjudication Committee decided that the most apt and accurate Answers used by competitors were those seen in the Square above.

One space is left blank to indicate that at this point DIN and GIN were regarded as apt words of equal merit.

Reasons for Committee's findings will appear in next week's "CrosswordGazette," copy of which will be forwarded FREE on receipt of stamped addressed envelope.

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ENTRY FEE for 2 Squares 6d.

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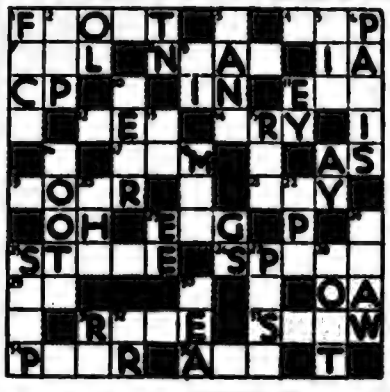

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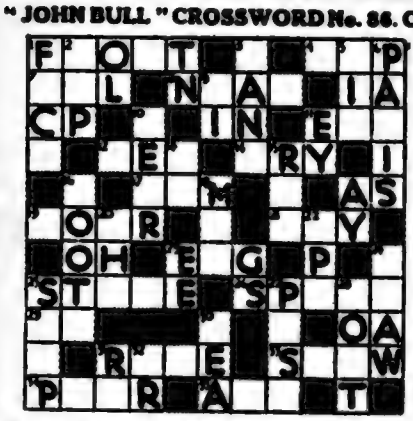

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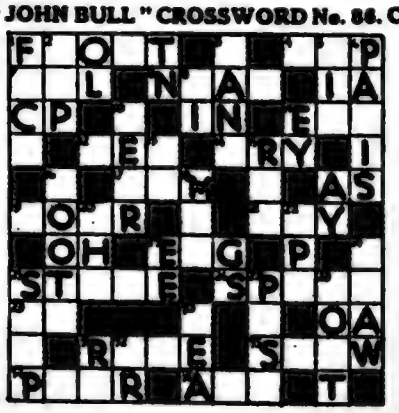

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"*Elasto has cured my bad legs.*"
"*Cured my rheumatism and neuritis.*"
"*Now free from piles.*"
"*I feel 10 years younger.*"
"*It put me on my feet.*"
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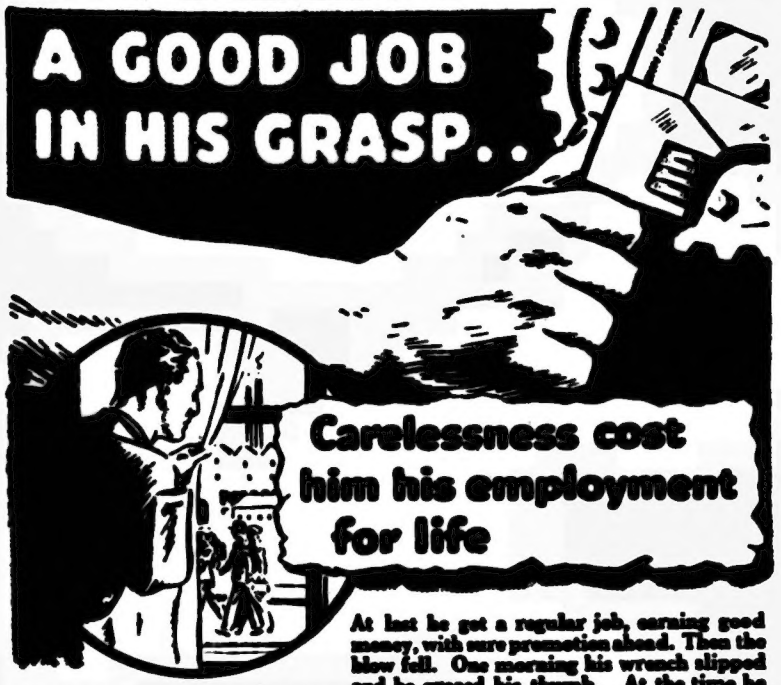
A GOOD JOB IN HIS GRASP..



At last he got a regular job, earning good money, with sure promotion ahead. Then the blow fell. One morning his wrench slipped and he grazed his thumb. At the time he thought nothing of it—but a week later he was in hospital. Before the month was out he lost his arm!

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"THERE is no reason why the 'Bulleteer' to capture this colossal 25th Birthday First Prize should not be YOU!" ran the words in these pages a few weeks ago. And amongst the readers who realised the truth of that statement was 28-year-old Mr. T. D. Brown, 113, Green Lane, Acklam, Middlesbrough.

He might have poohpooed the idea that he, an entrant who had never yet won the smallest cash prize, could suddenly rise to the heights of that Giant First which was offered. Instead, he sensibly got down to the interesting job of making *Bullets*, and worked out the simple, but effective, effort. JOHN CITIZEN — "GENTLEMAN" KEEPING BRITANNIA "STANDING."

Now, thanks to seizing that golden opportunity before it was too late, this young married man is wealthy and independent for life, and looking forward to the ownership of a fine car which is about to arrive from the makers, as well as to a Celebration Week in London with his wife, which he has arranged to commence on New Year's Day.

No wonder the Browns are happy . . .

"It was whilst on a visit to my parents, who live in Kirkby Stephen in Westmorland, that I became a regular reader of JOHN BULL, and started to enter *Bullets*," Mr. Brown told a JOHN BULL man.

"My mother is a Crossword enthusiast, and has often urged me to keep on trying at *Bullets*, but I did not receive a great deal of encouragement in the way of prizes," he recalled. "Not a single cash award came my way, but I plodded along with an occasional 'Target' award to show me I was improving. I became a regular reader of *Bullets Bulletin*, and found it an invaluable aid.

"Many times have I refrained from visiting the cinema to have a night with *Bullets* and the *Bulletin*," he said. "My friends would sometimes chaff me for sticking to my hobby so closely, but I always retorted: 'I will get more for my *Bullets* in the end!'"

* * *

Though still he finds it hard at times to realise that his dreams have come true, a peep at his bank-book reassures him at once—and at the end of each month, as long as he lives, his Pension Cheque will come to make him bless again the day his parents introduced him to JOHN BULL'S Competitions.

Yet all Mr. Brown did to bring all this comfort and happiness to himself, his wife and little daughter, was exactly what JOHN BULL invites you to do to-day. See what you can do with the interesting *Examples* on opposite page, and you, too, may soon be congratulating yourself on a fine Life Pension and Fortune won with a few simple words.

On Friday, December 17, another golden Joy Wire will speed from Long Acre, bringing some entrant JOHN BULL'S congratulations on capturing that mighty Pension-plus-Fortune First, which heads the Record Christmas Offer of Prizes and Bonuses value over £4,000 glittering before you in these pages.

That magic message may well name *you* the winner of £3 Weekly for Life and a £1,000 fortune in immediate cash—if you will but make up your mind to enter *and do so.*

The First alone dwarfs all others in literary competitions of to-day and run your eye along the batch of 100 Christmas Shopping Cheques, each of which will reach its winner on Thursday, December 23. Next, no fewer than 100 entrants in this Contest will receive a good time for Christmas, a giant Hamper, fine Turkey, luscious Cake or plump Surrey Fowl. These, remember, are definitely the last 1,000 Christmas Feasts to be offered in 1937.

In addition to prizes totalling over 11,000, this Record Christmas Offer brings you a fine opportunity to add a £5 Bonus Cheque to any Christmas Cash Prize you win, from £2 up to £100, simply by qualifying as directed on this page.

Study the instructions on next page, see that your entry is postmarked on or before Saturday, December 4 and Christmas, 1937, may be not only your happiest yet, but the starting-point of a new life of care-free independence.

RESULT OF "BULLETS" No. 1,094

First Prize, £300 plus £10 Xmas Cheque:

E. INGHAM, 82, Crawford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Example: SOLDIER'S LIFE
Bullet: "APPEALING"? So's EX-SOLDIER'S CAP!

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A. WILTSHIRE, 2, Garn Cross, Nantygio, Mon.
Example: When A Man's Down
Bullet: Up—Down—Up—Fighter!

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N. PHILLIPS, The Crown Tap, Ringwood, Hants.
Example: When A Man's Down
Bullet: "Good Cuss" May Help.

OTHER PRIZES:

£15 plus £5 Christmas Cheque: Mrs. CLARK, 11, St. John Street, Galashiels.
The Dominions—"Team"—None For "Transfer."

£10 plus £5 Christmas Cheque: J. H. DAVEY, 186, Waterloo Road, Birmingham.
Traveller Eden—Immaculate—Used To "Shabbiness."

£9: C. P. FERRIDAY, 48, Highbury Grove, N.
When A Man's Down—"Shake!" Fortifies Shaken Fortitude.

£8: W. M. HERRIDGE, 12a, Wimborne Road, Poole.
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£7: Mrs. M. S. BISHOP, 8, Heath Lane, West Bromwich.
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£6: A. F. JEFFREY, 54, Boston Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.
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£3 15s.: A. NICHOLLS, Corra, nr. Whitchurch, Shropshire.
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£3 5s.: E. OROGAN, 23, Chesterfield Road, Newbury.
When A Man's Down—Japanese Airman Discovers Nationality!

£3: Miss M. S. TAYLOR, 97, Market Street, Brechin, N.B.
Grandpa's Doctor — Versus Fate — And Grandma.

£2 15s.: J. SHARP, 2, Church Villas, Church Road, Claygate, Surrey.
Only A Woman—Dare Hand Porter Tuppence!

£2 10s.: D. ASPINALL, Orrell Mount, Richmond Road, Connah's Quay, Chester.
A Draw — Newly-weds' Argument — Ended "Scored."

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Additional £2 10s. Cash Bonus will be paid to each winner of 10s. or over who ... accordance with published conditions.

£4,000 AND 152 XMAS HAMPERS WON IN CROSSWORD NO. 83

In connection with "John Bull" Crossword No. 83, the Adjudication Committee decided that the ... of the Most meritorious Sets of Answers on one Square were the following eleven competitors who submitted Squares differing at one point only from the most meritorious Sets of Answers seen in Square on page 44.

W. BARNES, 43, Crown Street, Crumlin, Mon.
E. BRAUND, 46, Tweedale Street, Rochdale.
J. C. CRAIG, 21, Gilmour Street, Kilmarnock.
M. DISERENS, 52, Cambridge Avenue, London, N.W.
J. DIXON, 12, Allery Banks, Morpeth, Northumberland.
MRS. E. DODD, The Towers, Market Drayton, Salop.
MISS C. FINCH, 96, High Street, Redcar.
G. GUTTERIDGE, 10, Cecil Road, Peterborough.
F. MACDOUGALL, 37, Bentinck Street, Glasgow.
E. J. SMITH, 59, Margaret Street, Oxford Circus, London, W.
W. SUDWORTH, 4, Grosvenor Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, these competitors share the First Prize of £2,500 and a cheque for £50 5s. 5d. will be sent to each.

Any other entrant who believes that he submitted a Square eligible for a share of this Prize must demand ... not later than First Post, Tuesday, November 23, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of all Squares submitted ... number. Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny," and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John ...

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the Award of £250 to Runners-up. This Prize has been ... 132 competitors from whom we received Squares inferior in merit by reason of only ONE ... with the best Squares submitted. These winners will each receive £1 12s. 11d. together with a 10-in-1 Xmas ... these Runners-up can be seen at the "John Bull" offices, and all have been notified.

An extra £250 will be divided between each winner who made a "Crossword Gazette" reservation in accordance with the terms of the offer.

A £2 Xmas Cheque will be awarded to each Hamper winner from whom we received in one envelope four or more ... for this Contest.

CROSSWORD No. 86.—TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

ON page 44 is presented the eighty-sixth of JOHN BULL'S entertaining Crossword Puzzles; you are invited to exercise your skill and knowledge by completing it with the guidance of the Clues provided.

Aptness and accuracy of Answers in relation to the Clues form the standard of excellence by which entries will be judged, and all decisions will be based on the Answers of Competitors. This Judging will be carried out under the supervision of an Adjudication Committee consisting of the following: The Editor of JOHN BULL; Doctor Lascelles Abercrombie, LL.D., D.Lit., M.A.; and Doctor C. E. M. Joad, M.A., D.Lit.

Each entry received will be carefully considered, and the First Prize-winner will be the competitor who on one ... has completed the Puzzle and has given what, in the opinion of the Adjudication Committee, is the best set of Answers to the Clues provided. And this set of Answers will constitute the winning Puzzle Square.

If at any points in the Puzzle where a choice of words exists the Adjudication Committee decides that no one word ... can be preferred on the test of aptness and accuracy, then competitors there using words of equal merit as Answers will be regarded as having tied at those points, which will be duly indicated when result and winning Puzzle Square appear in JOHN BULL ... dated Thursday, December 9, 1937. The manner which decided the Committee's Award will be published in JOHN BULL ... free monthly "Crossword Gazette," copy of which will be forwarded free on receipt of stamped addressed envelope.

Prize will be awarded to the competitor whose entry is next in order of merit. In the event of a tie or ties the appropriate cash prize will be equally divided, but not more than one such prize and one other prize will be allowed to one entrant in any one contest.

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(*Competition No. 1,098*)

LIFE TO-MORROW
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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
GATEWAY TO HAPPINESS
HITLER'S PROBLEM
REMEMBER THE WORKLESS

AND

A LITTLE CHILD
LIBERTY'S BANNER
THINKING OF HOME
OVERJOYED
JOHN CHINAMAN
SPOILT THE PARTY
UPSET PARLIAMENT
WHEN THE PARCEL ARRIVED
THE RIGHT MATE
PUSHING THE PRAM
TORPEDOED
HE KNEW TOO MUCH, SO
OUR SLATE-CLUB TREASURER
CUTS NO ICE
WHEN MOTHER'S BUSY
POSTMAN'S KNOCK
BURSTING
COURAGE COUNTS WHEN
PANIC IN THE CITY
HER VICTIM
TO THE LAST MAN
FOR LOVE OF HER
COMMON-SENSE DEMANDS
WHEN SHE'S IN
MAN IN THE CROWD
STUFFING
BRILLIANT CAREER
WITH A LORDLY AIR
RED-HOT
END OF THE TRAIL
ANOTHER YEAR
THANKS TO THE FOG
WRECK OF A MAN
IN ADVERSITY'S BLIZZARD

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EXAMPLE .....
BULLET .....
EXAMPLE .....
BULLET .....

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Signed .....
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EXAMPLE .....
BULLET .....
EXAMPLE .....
BULLET .....

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BULLET .....
EXAMPLE .....
BULLET .....

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Address .....

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BULLET .....
EXAMPLE .....
BULLET .....

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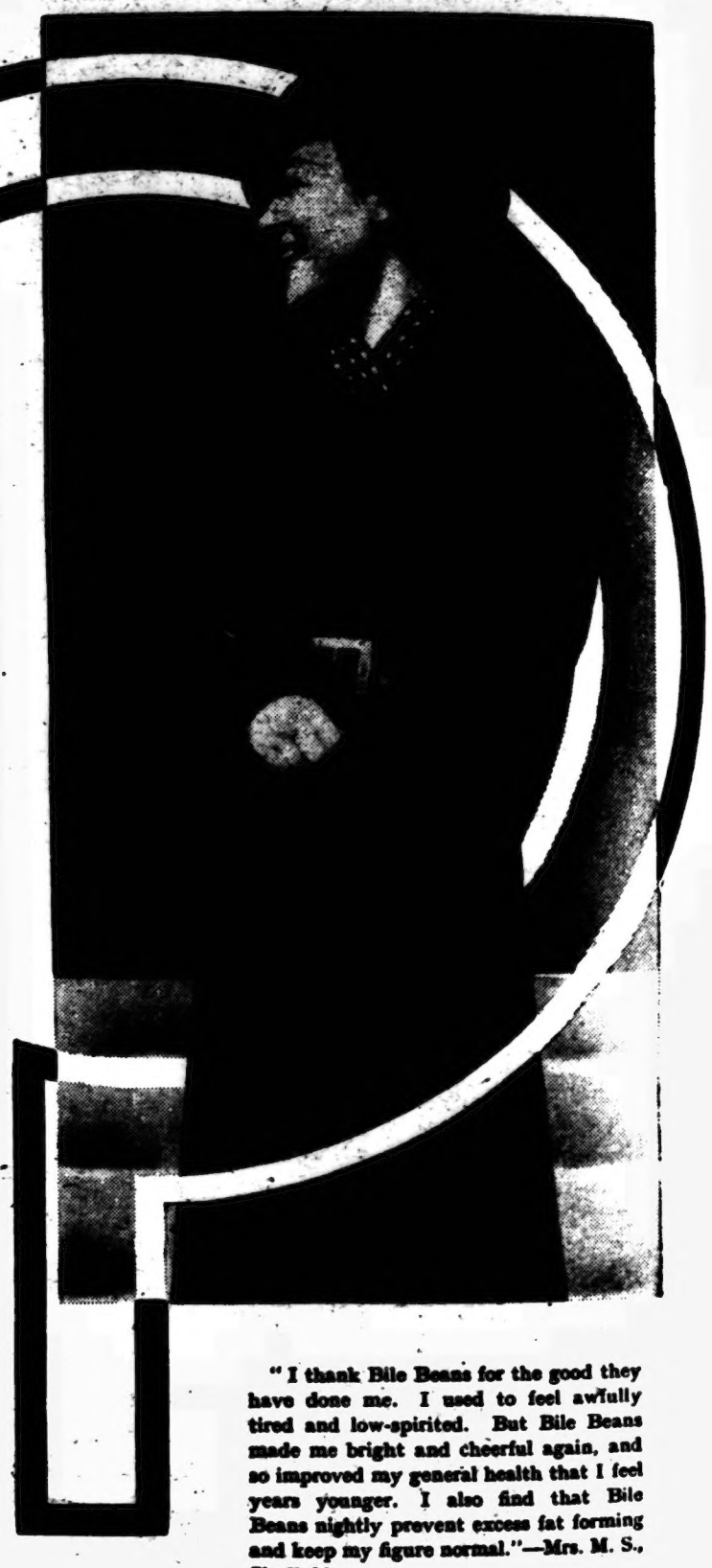

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